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22nd "	ARABIA	7903		
29th "	CALEDONIA	7658	MOLDAVIA..	9500
1907.				
5th Jan.	PERSIA	7951		
12th "	ORIENTAL	5284	VICTORIA	6522
19th "	CALEDONIA	7658		
26th "	EGYPT	7912	CHINA	7912
2nd Feb.	OCEANA	6610		
9th "	ORIENTAL	5284	INDIA	7911
16th "	EGYPT	7912		
23rd "	PENINSULAR	5294	MONGOLIA	9505
2nd Mar.	ARABIA	7903		
9th "	ORIENTAL	5284	BRITANNIA	6535
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Western Australia	Dec. 10	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	" 17
South Australia, Victoria	" 4	" 4	" 10	" 10
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VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—Dec. 14.

Arcadia.....Valentine.....P & O Co
Caledonia.....3529 Tocque.....P & O Co
Faringford .....2375 Chaplain .....Captaincy
Glenaffric .....3657 Craig .....W & A G & Co
Inverness .....3401 Clarkson .....Cory Bros & Co
Kilberian .....2413 Smith .....W & A Graham & Co
Madura .....1973 Kitson .....M M & Co
Metis .....2157 Brown .....K N & Co
Nahma .....960 Harvey .....American Yacht
Orino .....2326 Fysh.....M M & Co
Qucda .....4941 Coope .....M M & Co
Quorimba .....4531 Smith .....M M & Co
Shahjehan .....2956 Duncan .....Shah S N Co
Sirsa .....1678 Holt .....Cousins.....14-12 M M & Co
Scindia .....3383 Abrey .....W & A G & Co
Tweedale .....2 34 Miles .....W & A G & Co
Ula .....3426 Boon .....M M & Co
Vienna .....2534 White.....W & A Graham & Co
Zanzibar .....2416 Rooney.....T Morrison & Co

VESSELS IN DOCK—Dec. 14.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date*	Agents.
A	Clan Mackinnon	3049	Smith	M'ras Coast	16-12	F Muir & Co
B	Aleppo	2530	Webster	Hull via K'chi	18-12	FM&Co
C & R	Lonsdale	2043	Lee	Antwerp,	14-12	K Nicou & Co
D&E	Sandoo Hall	2393	Main	K'chi	16-12	K N & Co
F	Damberwell	3389	Baines	D'unkirk	22-12	W & A G & Co
H	Bahamoni	3261	Strong	Jeddah	18-12	B & P S N Co
K	Junna	2686	Fenwick	Jeddah	F	M M & Co
K	Oriental	3055	Lumellin	Aden	18-12	P & O Co
L	Bunderath	1326	Grewe	Repairing		A Strandes
M	Saturnji	1457	Hossain	repairing		B S N Co
N	Grijfevale	2845	Steel	Phila'phia	20-12	H A Willis
O	Sultan	2876	Burmeister	M'tius	15-12	A Strandes
P	Aston Hall	2231	Gribble	Avonmouth	14-12	K N & Co
Q	Zaida	2955	Ball	Jeddah	17-12	M M & Co

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Bahadur		829	Fakers	K'chi	18-12	B S N Co
Indravati		813	Fakers	M'lore	14-12	B S N Co
Porani		803	Ismail	B'sagar	18-12	B S N Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

1	Scindia	2057	Baddock	L'pool	22-12	M M & Co
2	Canara	3889	Korr	Antwerp	12-12	M M & Co
3	R Rubattino	3044	Anfosso	Genoa	18-12	F Croces
4	Ischia	2784	Dodero	Shanghai	17-12	F Croces
5	Tientsin	2997	Tartor	Dodds	15-12	A P & Sons
6	Louise	2143	Wagner	Genoa	19-12	K N & Co
7	Fultala	3701	Allen	Calcutta	N F	M M & Co
9	Drachenfels	4860	Lintig	K'chi	Glade and Co.
12	Arabia	4874	Gibbs	Loudon	22-12	P & O Co
14	Lhasa	936	Hiest	K'chi	14-12	M M & Co
15	Kagoshima Maru	3731	Kori	Kobe	29-12	N Y Kaisha

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ARRIVAL.

Due.	Vessel.	Commander	From.
14	Arcadia	Valentine	Aden

DEPARTURES.

Dep.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
14	Zillah	Peart	Calcutta
	Purley	Parkes	Calcutta
	Sultan Van Langat	Ellberg	Ara Bay
	Langdale	Lee	Genoa, &c
	Aston Hall	Gribble	Newport, &c

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" Queda, Coope, for Calcutta.
" Drachenfels, Lintig, for Calcutta, &c.

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MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Nov.	Vessel.	From
7	Clan Lindsay	Liverpool
10	Clan Stuart	Coast
11	Purnea	Rangoon
11	Arcadia	London
11	Scindia	Calcutta

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENT.

The B I S N Co's steamer "Mombasa" left London on the afternoon of the 18th Instant.

The Anchor Line steamer "Massilia" left Liverpool for Bombay on the evening of the 13th Instant.

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Aleppo s—15 cwts hingda R Jeewandas.

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FOR ANTWERP.

Canara s—55 balescotton Glade and Co : 2 bales cotton Ralli Bros ; 30 bales hemp P Bhimji ; 2001 cwts myrabolums W Bechar.

FOR GENOA.

Lonsdale s 1500 cwts teelseed Ralli Bros.

Luisa s—100 bales cotton S Pranji and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Scindia s—5 cases tea Eugene Meiffre.

FOR HONGKONG.

Ischia s—70 cwts sharkfins A Chagla and Co ; 151 bales twist M B Kaisha ; 10 1-2 cwts genda horns and 10 1-2 cwts jardaloo D Purshotam.

FOR KOBE.

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Kagosima Maru s—200 bales cotton Gaddum and Co ; 800 bales cotton The Bombay Co.

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BIRTHS.

FRASER—Nov. 23, at 81 Wimpole Street, W., wife of Major T. Fraser, R. E. of a son.
GREEN-WILKINSON—Nov. 23, at 84 Cadogan Place, S. W., wife of Major L. F. Green-Wilkinson, Rifle Brigade, of a daughter.
KING—Nov. 25, at St. Peter's, Bromley, Kent, wife of L. D. King, of a daughter.
WELDON—Nov. 20, at Harondean, Chichester, wife of Capt. Francis E. Weldon, D S. O., late the Sherwood Foresters of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

GUYON—GUYON—Nov. 20, at St. Mary's Church, Weymouth, Charles Henry Copleston Langford, son of the Rev. Henry and Mrs. Guyon, Lamyat Rectory, Bvercreech, to Blaine Frederica Mackay, daughter of Major-Gen. and Mrs. G. F. Guyon, of Egerton House, Richmond, Surrey.
HOLME—EDDEN—Nov. 24, at St. Saviour's Church, Ealing, Capt Alfred Siegfried Holme, R. E., to Laura Frances Ida, daughter of Col. F. T. Ebden, Indian Army.
MARSHALL—BURTON—Nov. 20, at St. James's, Paddington Francis Eden Marshall to Ellen Louise, widow of Capt. Aubrey de Saumarez Burton, (Indian Army), and daughter of Lieut-Col George Edward Leake-Brown.
MOORE—MACKENZIE—Nov. 22, at All Saints' Church, Cheltenham, the Rev. J. W. Brady Moore, Rector of Syresham Northants, to Katie, daughter of the late Col. Kenneth Mackenzie, Royal Irish Rifles.
ROCHFORD-BOYD—WHISTON—Nov. 26, at All Saint's Church, Fleet, Hants, Col. Charles Rochford, Boyd C. M. G., late Royal Eng., to Mrs. W. W. Whiston, of Birchwood, Fleet.
WEBB—BRADY—Nov. 22, at Holy Trinity Church, Flokestones Capt. Andrew H. Webb, R. A. son of the late Capt. H. J. Webb, formerly 11th (Devon) Regt., to Evelyn Dorothea, daughter of Henry Brady.
WIGHTON—PINHEY—Nov. 21, at St Jude's, South Kensington, Edward John Wighton, Captain, Royal Garrison Art., son of Col. Wighton, late Royal Art., to Muriel Amy, daughter of the late Capt. Arthur Pinhey, R. A.

DEATHS.

BRAMISH—Nov. 17, at London, May Rose Gillespie, widow of Alten Augustus William Bramish, lieutenant-colonel Royal Eng., and daughter of the late Sir John Gillespie, W. S.
ELPHINSTONE-DALRYMPLE—Nov. 23, at Homington House, Salisbury, wife of Sir Robert Elphinstone-Dalrymple, Bart, and daughter of the late James William M'Leod (Ressay).
SUTTON—Nov. 26, at 18 Curzon Street, W., Francis Sutton, late captain Royal Horse Guard, aged 84.
TAYLOR—Nov. 26, at Dankeld, Sylvan Road, Upper Norwood, Major-Gen, George Kepple Taylor, R A. retired, aged 76,

BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

MORRIS—December 13, at Bombay, the wife of Piers Morris, of a son.

[IN MEMORIAM.]

WADIA—BAI RUTTONBAI MERWANJI DADABHOY WADIA, who died on 15th December, 1899.

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How deep, how dearly, and how well,
God loved her, too, He thought it best,
To take her home from pain to rest.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

PARTRIDGE—December 8, at Chatrapur, Ganjam, to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. D. Partridge, a son, (still-born).

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 25m. Sun sets, 5h. 25m. High water 10-29m., 11-28a. Low water, 4-33m., 4-38a.
Bombay Extra Races, first meeting.
Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races.
Prize distribution of Cathedral High Schools, Town Hall, 5-30 p. m.
Annual meeting of Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonary in India, H. E. the Governor presiding—Freemason's Hall, 6-30 p. m.
Byculla Club, special meeting of members 9-45 p. m.
Roller Skating Rink, Esplanade.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 6h. 25m. Sun Sets, 5h. 25m. High water 11-20m. Low water. 5-23m., 5-21a.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Singapore, China and Japan per extra s. s. "Ischia" will be closed at the General Post Office at 2 p.m. on Monday, the 17th December 1906.

ARRIVAL OF A NATIVE CHIEF IN BOMBAY.—Shrimant Dattaji Rao alias Balasaheb Ghatge Sarje Rao, Chief of Kagal, came, with his followers, to Bombay yesterday from Kolhapur, and has put up at the Sirdar Griha.

H. H. THE AGA KHAN'S BIRTHDAY.—The Khoja followers of H. H. Sir Sultan Mahomed Shah, Aga Khan, have been celebrating the anniversary of his birthday with suitable rejoicings. Mr. Jafferbhoy Cassum Moosa, Estate manager of His Highness, gave an entertainment the other evening to the tenants of the Khoja chawl in Old Jail Road. A dinner and an entertainment in honour of the birthday were given last night at the Khoja Punjebhai Club at Chowpatty.

MUSIC AT GREEN'S.—The Indian Hotels Co.'s European String Band will play the following selection of music at W. B. Green and Co's., Apollo Bunder, this evening :—

March	Under Freedom's Flag	Nowatny.
Overture	L'Italienne d' Algers	Rossini
Spanish Serenade	La Polonia (by desire)	De Yradier
Selection	The Earl and The Girl	Caryll
American Sketch	Choristers	Phelps
Andante	Chant Sans Paroles	Tschaikowsky
Two Step	Feather Queen	Holbymann

The Indian Hotels Co's European String Band will play the following selection of Music at W. B. Green and Co's., Apollo Bunder, to-morrow (Sunday) between the hours of 9 and 11 p.m.

Masch	Hail Europe	Von Blon
Overture	Light Cavalry	Suppe
Cornet Solo	Queen of the Waves (Soloist Mr C P Reilly)	
Valse	Expansion	Waldteufel
Selection	Faust	Gounod
Mazurka Russe	La Czarine	Ganne
Andante	Eventide	Myddleton
Dervish Chorus	In the Soudan	Sebek

MUSIC AT THE MAHALAXIMI RACES.—By kind permission of Lieutenant-Colonel J. S. MacNiel and Officers of 1st Battalion, the G. I. F. Ry. Vol. Band will play the following programme of Music under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, Bandmaster commencing at 8 p.m. to-day :—

March	Whistling Rufus	Kerry Mills
Overture	Fra Diavolo	Auber
Serenade	La Paloma	Hartmann
Selection	The Little cherub	Caryll
Polka Cornet Duet	The Friendly Rivals	Godfrey
Selection	Three Little Maids	Ruben
Cake Walk	A Coon Band Contest	A Pryor

MUSIC AT THE BOMBAY GYMKHANA.—By kind permission of the Officer Commanding and Officers, the Band of the 1st Battalion B, B. & C. I. Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps, will play the following Programme of Music, under the direction of Mr. H. C. Dane commencing at 6 p.m. to-day.

March	Yetz Kemmtdes Militar	Hilenberg
Overture	Junita	Suppe
Selection from	Floradora	Stuart
Valse	Dahelm	Gung'l
Selection from the Ballet	The Dancing Doll	Bayer
Morceau Mignon	Salut D'Amour	Elgar

THE BANDMANN TEAM.—As will be seen in another column Bombay is soon to see a return visit of the Bandmann Opera Company. No little interest is felt in their arrivals by the next mail, for the company is practically entirely new having been specially recruited from the London theatres. The opening piece will be "The Dairy Maids" which contains the levy of "Sandow girls." The visit is a short one, a week only, and with the holiday team coming on, it is advisable to procure seats early as possible. Following the Opera Company comes the Comedy Company which opens on New Year's day with "Raffles" which proved the most popular play of the year in Town.

NOTES FROM BHOWNAGAR.—The sky has been cloudy this side for four or five days. When the clouds have cleared we expect severe cold. Plague is now dying out slowly in Bhownagar, and the town is filling in. Plague in Wadhwan has also subsided but the medical examination on arrivals from trains continues on Wadhwan station. The Durbar of Wankanur left by a special train for Jamnagor on the 7th instant, it appears owing to plague having appeared there. His Excellency the Governor of Bombay will be arriving at Veraval via sea on the 24th instant, whence he will go to Malia Hills for tiger shooting where preparations are going on. He will thence come down to Junagad where preparations for his reception are going on, on a grand scale.

FLORILINE :—For the Teeth and Breath.—A few drops of the liquid Floriline sprinkled on a wet tooth brush produce a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly-whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. "The Fragrant Floriline" being composed in parts of Honey and sweet herbs is delicious to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale depot, 33, Farringdon Road, London, England.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

HIGH COURT.

A POLICE INFORMER CREATING CRIME.

IN the Appellate Side of the High Court, the Hon. Mr. Justice Batty and the Hon. Mr. Justice Heaton, have disposed of an appeal preferred by Satradas Amardas, who was in November last convicted by Mr. M. B. Tyabjee, Sessions Judge of Bijapur, of counterfeiting the king's coin, of having in his possession instruments or materials for counterfeiting coin, and fabricating false evidence with intent to procure conviction of an offence ; and was sentenced to five years' rigorous imprisonment for each offence, the sentences to be concurrent.

The accused was an informer in the employ of the police of Sholapur. He did not receive pay, but had been given to understand that he would receive a reward of Rs. 10 or Rs. 15 for the detection of each offence, especially the offence of counterfeiting coins, an offence committed often by a class of persons coming originally from Gujerat, known as Bawris. Accused had been distinguishing himself as a religious mendicant. He arrived in Bijapur about the beginning of September and put up at a big tank in the town. One Vishram, a lad of about 18, who described himself as a sweetmeat-maker, who is a Gujerati, and who said he came from Nasik, arrived in Bijapur about the same time as the accused. After the two had been together for about two days, the police came to the place where accused and Vishram were living, and found false coins and implements for counterfeiting coins under and about Vishram's bedding. He said that the accused made him pound stones and prepare powder used in counterfeiting coins, and told him to get other materials required for the purpose. These he did not get, pretending that shopkeepers would not sell them to him. He further said that the accused brought the materials himself and made counterfeit rupees in the coining. The accused went next morning and gave information which led to a police investigation. Vishram said the accused told him to place the false coins under his bedding, and he did so. He said that the coining implements in court belonged to the accused, and that the latter made pockets in Vishram's dhoti, in which articles could be concealed. He admitted that he stayed with the accused after he came to know that the latter was given to making counterfeit coins, not suspecting that trouble would come to him in consequence. The accused said that the coining implements in court belonged to Vishram; that the counterfeit coins were made by the lad, and that the lad tried to engage his services by promising to take him to Jagannath and to give him money. The coins produced, said the Sessions Judge, had been made very clumsily and could be most easily detected to be counterfeit. In none of them had the edge been at all will rounded. The accused stated in court he was an expert coiner, and that he should never have prepared coins so unskilfully as those in court had been made. The Sessions Judge had no hesitation in agreeing with the assessors in the view that Vishram was too simple and inexperienced to have played the part which the accused ascribed to him. Mr. Tyabjee believed that the accused duped Vishram, and made the boy help him and induced him to prepare some coins, with the intention of charging him with counterfeiting coins. The accused was convicted and sentenced as mentioned above.

Their Lordships dismissed the appeal.

QUESTION OF "MEHER" DOWER.

AT the High Court, yesterday, the Hon. Mr. Justice Russell resumed the hearing of the suit of Banu Begam, widow of the late Sirdar Mir Abdulali Khan Bahadur, Superintendent of the Detective Department in the Bombay Police, against Mr. Mir Aunali, (the Sirdar's son by Umda Begam, a former wife,) a barrister-at-law, and now Judicial Secretary to the Maharaja Scindia of Gwalior, and other persons, claiming from them her "Meher," or dower of eighty-thousand "ashrafis," or gold coins, variously estimated in value at from twelve to twenty-four lakhs of rupees. The matter has been reported in these columns. Mr. T. J. Strangman, with Mr. Mirza Ali Akbar Khan, instructed by Messrs. Mirza and Mirza, appeared for the plaintiff. Mr. M. R. Jardine, with Mr. Fez B. Tyebji, instructed by Messrs. Ardeshir Hormasji Dinshah and Co., appeared for the first defendant. The other defendants did not contest the claim. The dower-writing produced in Court was a document in Marathi, dated 4th June 1877, executed at Deopur, Zila Nasik. The bride is described in it as Banu Bibi alias Binte Rajekhan Bahi Kulkarni, an Inami Jaghirdar, age 21 ; the bridegroom's age is put down at 37, and he is described as a native of Junnar in the Poona District. The Sirdar's signature appears on it as "M. Abdulali," the "M." standing for "Meer," a style of nobility. Plaintiff, and her daughter Afzul Nissa, being "Pardah," were examined on Wednesday, in the office of the Clerk of the Crown, Mr. Jardine, who is counsel for the defendant. The other witnesses examined since the beginning of the suit, included Sikandarkhan, Afzul Nissa's husband, who is a Sub-Inspector in the Detective Branch ; Mahatabkhan, Banu Begam's brother ; and Kazi Mohiuddin.

Mr. Jardine yesterday raised certain law points, which were fatal to the continuation of the suit. Counsel said that the contract was void for uncertainty, "ashrafi" being stated to be a gold coin, estimated in value at from one to two gold "mohars." It was against public policy to enforce such a contract ; if it was enforced, it would be tantamount to defrauding the creditors to the Sirdar's estate. Again, if the Sirdar did enter into the contract it was of a kind which was never intended to be enforced after his death. Mr. Jardine said there was a great want of particularisation in the word "ashrafi," which might mean any gold token or coin; it was as far removed from a definite description as "a white horse" or "oil" was. At the time the contract was entered into, the Sirdar was getting a salary of Rs. 150 or thereabouts ; he had at the time of his death left debts of about a lakh of rupees. In these circumstances, it scarcely stood to reason that the Sirdar intended so many lakhs to be given up as dower. This would be opening a door to defraud creditors.

Mr. Strangman strongly objected to Mr. Jardine, raising these legal objections at such a late stage of the proceedings ; these, he said, should have been raised at a preliminary stage. Now, the best course was to ask the defendant to file a supplementary written statement, so that the plaintiff might know what case she had got to meet. Otherwise, there would be no finality.

The Judge said he had a good mind to put a period to importing matter for additional issues in the case at this stage ; but the conditions obtaining under English Law being different from those under the Indian Law, and as the Court was desirous of permitting the fullest inquiry into an interesting suit like this, he would order the first defendant to file his supplementary written statement.

Mr. Strangman called Mr. H. G. Gell, Commissioner of Police ; Superintendents Mascarmott and Sloane ; and Inspector Mirza Mahomedali, to verify the Sirdar's signature to the dower-document. They all identified the signature as the Sirdar's. On 14th June 1905, the Sirdar died in his house in Love Lane, Bombay, at 3-30 p.m., when these witnesses paid visits of condolence between that time and dusk. They said, they never heard any words "Maher Moff Kee," or the dower was relinquished, pronounced by a female voice.

Examined by Mr. Jardine, the first defendant Mr. Meer the Aunali said, that about six o'clock in the evening, Banu Begam came to where corpse was, and addressing it, as well as the witness and his sister, she three times pronounced the words relinquishing her right to the dower, in the presence of, among others, Dr. Choksi, and Mr. Baptista, Barrister-at-Law. Later, she repeated these expressions.

Further evidence was recorded, and the hearing was adjourned.

SALE OF PROPERTY

Suit by an Adopted Son.

(Before the CHIEF JUSTICE and JUSTICE CHANDAVARKAR)

Their Lordships disposed of yesterday in second appeal a suit instituted by the appellant Narayan bin Bhimbhat Shirpati (original plaintiff) against the respondents V. Annachirya and 2 others (for the recovery of certain land standing in his Khata as adopted son of the original Defendants) original owner together with Rs. 175 as mesne profits for the year 1903 and future mesne profits until delivery of possession.

Mr. C. A. Kela appeared for the appellant, the respondents being represented by Mr. Setlur with Mr. Bahle. The Original Suit was decided by the 1st Class Subordinat Judge of Belgaum who partly awarded the plaintiffs' claim. In appeal the District Judge of Belgaum confirmed the decree of the Court of the first instance with costs.

This is a suit instituted by an adoped son to set aside a sale effected by the father to whom he was adopted. The facts proved show that there was consideration for the sale, and in part, at any rate, justifying circumstances because there was an antecedent debt. The only fact to which the plaintiff is able to paint as being in his favour, is that the consideration money exceeds the amount of the antecedent debt. The value of that circumstance must depend upon all the facts of each case. Unfortunately in this case, the issue on which this question arose was not framed until the case was disclosed.

It is impossible to say that the sale is bad because the purchase money was more than the amount of the debt, and on the facts as they appear on the record, Their Lordships are unable to say that the excess of purchase money over the amount of the antecedent debt indicates anything which would entitle them to say that the Plaintiff is justified in asking to have the sale set aside. They therefore reversed the decree of the Lower Appellate Court and dismissed the suit with costs throughout.

POLICE COURTS.

THE TRAMWAY FRAUDS.

Perret on His Trial.

AT the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. A. H. S. Aston, acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, Thomas William Perrett, formerly an Assistant Superintendent in the employ of Messrs. J. G. White and Company, was brought up on a remand in connection with the recent discovery of the tramway frauds, the charge against the accused being abetment of criminal breach of trust in respect of the following amounts of money, Rs. 3,554-8 ; Rs.5,704 and Rs, 6,615. Messrs J. G. White and Company, the complainants, are the contractors for the work of relaying tramway tracks in Bombay.

Superintendent Sloane, Chief of the Criminal Investigation Department, assisted by Inspector Sullivan represented the Police. The prosecuting counsels were Mr. Weldon and Mr. Lang, Barristers-at-Law, who were instructed by Mr. Dunlop of Messrs. Crawford, Brown and Company, Solicitors. Mr. Velinker, Mr. Kapadia, and Mr. Dastur, Pleaders, defended the accused. Mr. Chunilal H. Setalwad, Barrister-at-law, watched the proceedings on behalf of Reginald Tyler and Charles H. Hannabuss.

Evidence of Mahomedkhan bin Chandkhan, an illiterate Mahomedan, aged 25 years, and a billiard-marker by profession, was led by Mr. Weldon. Witness said he had been a billiard-marker for the last six or seven years, during which time. He followed no other profession, or did any other work. He had never undertaken contract of supplying either masanary or stone-work to any body. Abdullasha Rahimanshah was his brother-in-law (wife's brother). Witness knew he was in the service of a "saheb." This Abdullashah gave him several bills over which witness put his signature. After witness had signed them, Abdullashah took them back from him. It was also Abdullashah who gave witness a cheque for Rs. 3,554-8, on the 29th May, drawn on the Chartered Bank. Witness put his signature on it. Abdullashah accompanied witness to the Bank to cash the cheque. Witness himself presented the cheque at the bank while Abdullashah received the money. The witness was shown several bills, by the prosecuting counsel, purporting for the goods supplied to Messrs. White and Company. Witness recognized his signatures on those bills. Those bills were also brought to him by Abdullashah for his signature. He put his signatures on them and returned them to Abdullashah. He himself had never supplied any goods to Messrs White and Company with regard to those bills. He practically knew nothing about the contents of those bills.

During his further examination-in-chief, witness was shown several cheques for different amounts drawn on the Chartered Bank. He said Abdullashah had brought to him those cheques on different occasions. He himself had signed them. Abdullashah accompanied him to the Bank to cash those cheques. The bank paid money on those cheques which money was received by Abdullashah. Witness did not know what then became of the money, but he was told it was paid to the accused. Reverting to the bills he had signed, for goods supplied to the White & Co., the witness said that he had never supplied any of the goods mentioned in the bills to the Company. The witness had the same story to say in connection with the other bills and cheques which bore his signature.

Abdullashah Rahimanshah was the next witness examined. He was a Mahomedan menial servant and was twenty-five years old. He knew the accused under whom he worked as a butler, drawing Rs. 12 per month. This was two years and six months ago. Since then he worked as a contractor. He also worked for the Gibbons' Agency. It was at the suggestion of the accused, that the witness took to contracting business for which the accused used to supply him with money. He had no money of his own to go in for contracting. He worked under no written agreement with the accused. The witness said, he supplied to the Tramway Company the materials, which he got, on two or three occasions, from one Vithal Sayanna. Whatever money the witness got in payment of the goods supplied, he handed it over to the accused. It was the accused who payed Sayanna for the goods purchased of him. The witness also bought certain goods for the tramway works from different people who worked at the quarries and the accused payed for it. First, bills were submitted by those people to the Gibbons and Co., and the accused payed for them in the offices of the Gibbons and Co. From the "katcha" accounts, fresh bills were prepared in the offices of the Gibbons, and Co., in the name of the last witness, and were submitted to the White and Co., for payment. Those bills purported to be the bills for the goods supplied to the tramway Company. The White and Co. issued cheques on the Charterred Bank in the name of the last witness, in payment of those bills, which bore the accused's initials to certify their correctness. Mahomedkhan signed those cheques and he and witness had them cashed at the Bank. All the money received, on different occasions, from the Bank on those cheques, was paid to the accused, in the offices of the Gibbons and Co., for which work, the accused gave the witness "bukshish" of rupees five or ten, on several occasions, and had increased his pay to Rs. 25 per month. The same thing was done with regard to every cheque cashed at the Bank.

Cross-examined by Mr. Velinker, the witness said that they never received any money from the White and Company for goods that was not supplied to them.

Further cross-examined by Mr. Weldon, the witness said he had never personally seen any goods supplied to the White and Company, except those supplied by Sayanna.

Mr. Robert John McPhail, aged 28, an Assistant to Messrs. Towner and Co., the shipping agents, was the next witness put into the dock. He said he knew the accused, who was connected with the Gibbons and Co. The witness worked in the Company for a period of about three months from the 16th May to the 31st August last, in the advertisement-paper department. The witness was shown several bills on the White and Co., which he identified as prepared in the office of the Gibbons and Co. He also recognized the accused's initials on those bills. One of those bills was prepared by the witness himself under the instruction of Abdullashah, the last witness. The witness made out that bill from the slips of paper submitted to him by Abdullashah. After the witness had prepared the bill, he returned it to Abdullashah along with those original slips of paper from which the bill was prepared. That bill was prepared by him in the name of Mahomed Khan bin Chand Khan, according to the precise instructions of Abdullashah. Being questioned as to how he came to know Abdullashah, the witness said he used to knock about the Office and he could not say how he was connected with the firm. The witness could give no explanation as to how the Gibbons and Co. came to make those bills for the White and Co. Those bills were made in the ordinary course of the business.

At this stage, it was decided to adjourn the further enquiry in the case, when Mr. Velinker, for the accused, applied for a bail for his client. In making this application to the Court, he said that the evidence recorded that afternoon, was of a nature that strengthened his case for this application, inasmuch as the evidence already recorded, took away that particular part of the case which the prosecution had tried to show was an abatement of the offence of the criminal breach of trust, on the part of the accused. It was alleged by the prosecution that no goods at all was supplied to the Tramway Company for which the White and Co. was made to pay. On the other hand, there was the evidence of one of the witnesses who said that they never received any money from the White and Co., for goods, that was not supplied to them, As Abdullashah worked as a contractor with the Gibbons and Co., bills to the White and Co. were prepared in the name of Mahomedbhai bin Chandkhan. Abdullashah was given 'bakshis' by the accused, because he was his old, favoured and trusted servant. He submitted that the charge against his client was one of cheating and not criminal breach of trust. He said his client was able to offer Rs 20,000 as the amount of bail.

Mr. Weldon strongly objected the application of Mr. Vilinker being granted. He submitted that the evidence recorded that afternoon, had, on the contrary, strengthened the opinion that the accused was reasonably guilty of the abetment of the offence of the criminal breach of trust. He drew the Court's attention to the fact that cheques had been obtained from the White and Co., by one of the witnesses in the case, who had not supplied any goods to the Tramway Company. The witness Abdullashah had told them that he had seen only the goods supplied to the Company by Sayanna and none else. The Court should not overlook the fact, that it was the accused, who gave Abdullashah the money wherewith to do contracting work as Abdullashah had no money of his own.

His Worship refused to grant the application of the bail asked for, and the further hearing of the case stood adjourned till Monday next.

HIGH COURT.—DECEMBER 15.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice RUSSELL.)
Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Long Causes.

877-06—Mirza and M—Banoo Begam widow vs Mir Aunalli Valad Mir Abdulally and others—Ardeshir H D and Co and M and M. Part heard

For further directions and Costs on Commissioner's Report.

697-79—Ridgelow G W and Co—Madhawdas Goculdas :Paste vs Anandrao Vencajek and others—Little and Co

Long Causes.

826-06—Ardeshir H D and Co - Mir Aunalli Valad Mir Abdulally and others vs Mir Hasanally Valad Mir Abdulally and others—Mirza and M

824-06—Bhalshankar K and G—Narandas Ramji and others vs Narodas Ramji and others - Wadia G and Co

644-06—Little and Co—Thomas Joseph strangman vs Lockmidas Harilal and others—Chitnis and M

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice DAVAR.)
Contested Chamber Matters.
Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Long Causes.

132-06—Khunderao S and L—Pedad widow and others vs Domingo Gracias and others—Madhu. K and N Testamentary suits. Part heard

13-06—Smetham B and N—Narayen Kashinath vs Harischandra Pandharinath—Tyabji D and Co.

13-06—Chitnis and M Moroba Dhanji and others vs Harisebnad Gopal—In person

14-06—Mirza and M—Vithalji Meghjee and another vs Vabji Toolshi—Himlal and T

152-06—Madhavji and K—Gordhandas Morarji vs Mohsun Manladian and another

271-06—Mulla and M—Haji Noor Mahomed Ossoun Metha vs Dharamdas Jinabhai and others—Ardeser H D and Co

646-06—Maganlal J and G—Rewabai widow vs Jesabai Alias Latyabhanabai—Ticknell M and R

517-06—Little and Co—Wishwanath Wassodeoji vs Hasanalli Mahomedali—Ardeshir H D and Co

484-06—Raghavaya and B Mulshanker Pitamber and another vs Leonard R Doane—Chitnis S and L

307-06—Payne and Co—Haji Jackeria Haji Ahmed and others vs Hormusji Nusserwanjee Serrval and others—Khanderao S and L

525-06—Smetham B and N—Balkrissondas Thakurdas Trioumdas and Thakurdas and another—Mirza and M R and B

190-06—Pay

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THE CONGRESS PRESIDENT.

MR. DADABHOY NAVROJI, whose arrival in Bombay his fellow-countrymen welcomed last evening, has undertaken a task before which many a younger and stronger man might quail. He does not come to preside over a Congress which meets for the avowed purpose with which that organisation was originally established—to discuss their political wants in an amicable manner, but one at which may be expected expressions of opinion widely at variance with any which have been hitherto passed and fierce differences which it will require all the ability, strength and tact of the President to control. On this occasion the Committee representing the various parts of the country have been at variance even as to the choice of Chairman and but for the firm attitude taken up by the Bombay leaders, the Calcutta Congress would have been guided by a highly incapable president and have degenerated into an assembly for the inculcation of rank sedition and thus have forfeited the last shred of respect of every well-wisher of the Indian Empire. At the last meeting of the Congress in Bombay, Sir Pherozeshah Mehta claimed for the delegates that though not selected by any authoritative or scientific process, they were still representative in all the various ways in which virtual representation works itself out in the early stages of its progressive development, representatives who are of the people and in immediate touch and contact with them, representatives realising in themselves the wants, the wishes, the sentiments, the aspirations of the people, representatives whose education has qualified them to ponder over grave questions of policy and principle in their application to the administration and Government of this country in all their complex relations of a foreign rule, representatives into whom education has instilled an earnest, devoted and enlightened loyalty to the British Crown and a keen solicitude for the safety and permanence of the British Empire in which, they are persuaded, lie implanted the roots of the welfare, the prosperity, and the good Government of this country.

We trust the same may be claimed for the delegates who meet in Calcutta ten days hence, and that the qualifications and guiding principles accredited to them may be claimed with even as much justification as was the case in 1904. It is unfortunate that Calcutta had been already chosen at the meeting place of the Congress this year. It is at the present time as full of sedition as Poona and has this disadvantage that its sedition-mongers work more openly and noisily than those of the Deccan. They will doubtless be fully represented at the Congress and their revolutionary views will find expression and dangerously wide propagation unless Mr. Dadabhoy Naoroji exercises the most rigorous means of upholding the character the best of the Congress leaders desire the organisation shall possess. Instead of the earnest, devoted and enlightened loyalty to the British Crown and a keen solicitude for the safety and permanence of the British Empire, the prevailing sentiment in the breast of the average Bengali delegate is discontent and disaffection. One of their organs, the most "advanced," the other day placed this fact very plainly on record and told us: "The disintegrating influences which always accompany political dependency have well-nigh destroyed all our good institutions, and in the chaos that has followed not a single soul is in enjoyment of that peace which to outward seeming appears to be the lot of all Indian British subjects. The greater portion of the population are suffering from poverty and the elect with money enough to pay their tailors' bills, an item which has considerably increased in our times have other ills which materially affect their peace of mind. Men do not live by bread and butter alone, and the handful placed above wants cannot live a life consistent with a sense of dignity and self-respect. The zemindar has been reduced to a mere collector of revenues and any attempt on his part to play the patriarchal chief of the people as under the Musalman rule is so much resented by the white guardians of the district, that many of our zemindars do not do their duty and live a life of ignoble ease in the city. Thus from whatever point we may judge this much talked of peace of Pax-Britannica has been very dearly purchased and with it we have lost that national consciousness, that belief in the superiority of our civilization which only can nerve our hands, sharpen our intellect and elevate our character." Independence and autonomy is what they aim at and slander and boycotting the means by which they aim at attaining it, for say they "those who have been born in Hindustan and believe in the divinity of each individual soul have been so far demoralised and denationalised as to be incapable of imagining that they can ever walk independently."

There are the names of many "moderates" and loyal men on the membership roll of the Congress, men who have endeavoured and will endeavour to restrain the ardour of their rabid and less intelligent colleagues. There are also members who, unwilling to remove their names for the lists yet abstain from taking an active part in the Congress movement rather than be associated with the intemperate and misdirected policy which is advocated and followed on the other side of India. They will not be present at the Calcutta meeting and it is probable that even those who are will be powerless to influence their Bengali colleagues. They have been told that the Indian is but a slave and his agitation a farce and the Bengali seems determined that this shall remain true no longer. Whatever subjects are accepted for discussion and whatever resolutions are chosen as expressing the opinion of the Congress there will be delegates who will give voice to "the advanced" Bengali views, to disloyalty and sedition, unless the President exercises the utmost vigilance and firmness and as we have said, the Congress as a recognised institution will suffer in consequence. Morally, Mr. Dadabhoy Naoroji may be strong enough; physically—we have considerable doubt. Doubtless too he will bear in mind the parting words of Sir William Wedderburn, the other day, "keep within due limits for the sake of India and the Indians," "The Greatest of Indian Patriots, the most selfless of men and stainless of gentlemen," as his Indian admirers are so fond of describing him, is no longer young, nor even in the prime of manhood. By bringing him out the Congress has done him no service and we are inclined to the belief that they have asked him to undertake a duty for which he has no longer the physical ability to discharge; for the conditions under which this year's Congress will be held differ very widely from those which have attended any previous session. Members are divided against members; one section distrusts another and the rank and file are not even loyal to their leaders. Yet we wish Mr. Dadabhoy Naoroji the success his remarkable energy deserves and hope that neither he nor the Standing Congress Committee will have cause to regret their choice.

SHAKESPEARE AND THE MODERN STAGE.

MR. SIDNEY LEE is well known as one of the foremost students of Shakespeare in England. His readings of the master's plays have delighted many, and through him, we believe, the British Empire Shakespeare League—which has done such good work in London and all over the provinces—first sprang into being. A book therefore from his pen upon the modern stage representation of the plays must be looked upon as fairly authoritative as to the manner in which the staging should be carried out, and in his new work "Shakespeare and the Modern Stage" (London,—John Murray) ranks very highly in this capacity. The eleven collected papers which form the contents of the volume were written between the years 1899 and 1905, and with the exception of one entitled "Aspects of Shakespeare's Philosophy," were published in periodicals during the course of those six years. Mr. Lee is to be congratulated upon gathering the same together in book form, and placing them before the Shakespeare-loving public, who might otherwise have had no opportunity of perusing and retaining a rare intellectual and eminently interesting work. In the first paper the author, perhaps justly, deplores the modern tendency of actor-managers to make the text of the play secondary in consideration to the mounting and music. The forementioned autocrats of the boards, sad to say, are of the opinion that Shakespeare cannot be made to pay unless staged and dressed with a prodigally lavish hand. This fallacy, Mr. Lee, with admirable enterprise, we believe, made manifest, with the assistance of Mr. Acton Bond—for many years associated with the late Sir Henry Irving—by producing with simple, though none the less adequate mounting, "The Tempest" at the Court Theatre in Sloane Square, London, a venture which proved both a financial and artistic success.

We do not wholly agree however with Mr. Lee's suggested reason that this unnecessary lavishness in mounting is due to the lack of imagination displayed by the people of the 19th century—a reason for which he points as proof that in the 15th century the plays took London by storm, although given with little more scenery than was afforded by the bare walls of the theatres. Imagination, as a rule, is more often vouched by Dame Nature to the intellectual than the dull and in the early days the uneducated preponderated tremendously over the educated classes. That a bad play staged with the least possible amount of expedition will hold and thrill an uneducated audience even in the present century, can be proved any day in the week by a visit to the lower type of suburban and provincial melodrama playhouses. It is more a question of breadth and vigour in acting—and this style was the prevalent one in the earlier stage annals—which captures the attention and respect of the artizan playgoer. Just as the Hyde Park orator compels the notice of the surrounding public by the very vehemence of his rhetoric, so did the old school actor, as he took his stand in the dead centre of the stage, rivet the attention of his auditors. The exigencies of modern theatrical conditions have made this self-centring—very often wanting—delivery of long speeches impossible. The 'aside' and soliloquy are no longer permitted in the comedy or drama of modern construction, and with their banishment has sprung up the need for some other means of concentrating the attention of a large gathering, and it has been filled by so mounting the play that it captures the mind through the eyes as well as the ear. A stage representation, so we take it, should aim so far as possible, at reproducing the actual conditions under which the action is supposed to take place, and those conditions can only be fulfilled by appealing to the vision as well as the hearing; otherwise the performance ceases to be a play and tends to become merely a recitation. Certainly, most theatrical managers nowadays complain that to produce Shakespeare spells ruin, but this is more on account of a dearth of actors who can deliver blank verse well, and suit, as Shakespeare says, "the action to the word." Mr. H. R. Benson has toured with his staunch band of Shakesperian actors for many years now, and his enterprise was never in so flourishing a condition as it is at the present day with three companies upon the road.

In his third paper, 'Shakespeare in Oral Tradition,' Mr. Lee has gathered together a wealth of interesting detail regarding the poet's contemporaries, biographers and admirers: also anent the manner in which actors who had had the benefit of the master's instruction as to the reading of certain parts, handed down the same to successive generations. Thus the house of the veteran seventeenth century actor, William Beeston, in Hog Lane, Shoreditch was a resort of the curious, in Charles the Second's time, who came to listen to Beeston's reminiscences of Shakespeare and of the poets of Shakespeare's epoch transmitted to him by oral tradition. It is curious to reflect that Samuel Pepys, the prolific diarist, one of the most constant theatre-goers of his age, thought but little of the Shakesperian plays. In only ten cases—those of the two tragedies "Othello" and "Hamlet"—does he show a true appreciation of the dramatic quality. Mr. Lee has some thoroughly sound remarks to make upon a municipal theatre, quoting as an example of the many advantages such an institution would offer, the brilliant artistic achievements attained by the State-controlled theatres of Germany and Austria. Taken on the whole Mr. Sidney Lee's volume is one which should well recommend itself to every lover and student of the works of the immortal poet. There are very many new pieces of interesting information contained within its pages and light is thrown upon a great number of matters which, to the average reader have been hitherto obscure.

BEQUEST TO ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL.

THE late Mr. Emil Spinner, by his last Will and Testament, bequeathed to St. George's Hospital, the handsome sum of Rs. 30,000. Mr. Spinner, though a native of Switzerland, entertained the utmost liking for this city, with whose commercial interests he was for many years associated, and after he had retired from active connection with business, he paid us an annual visit. His name will hereafter be perfectly remembered in Bombay, as a tablet within the hospital buildings will record the tangible proof of kindly interest in the city. The amount of the legacy has been deposited in the Bank of Bombay to the credit of Government and the express purpose to which it will be devoted will be the maintenance of a Clinical Laboratory at St. George's Hospital. This is the direction in which the Physician-in-charge considers the sum can be best applied and he points out that St. George's being the only General Civil Hospital existing in Bombay for the treatment of European patients, it should be up-to-date, and without a clinical laboratory it cannot be considered so. All kinds of tropical and sub-tropical diseases are liable to seek admission. There have been cases there of Blackwater fever from Africa and it is possible that at any time there may be cases of sleeping sickness from the same source, and yellow fever from the Philippines. Early and correct diagnosis of such cases is most important and without a Clinical Laboratory on the spot, that is impossible before the lapse of some days. However, by the beneficence of the late Mr. Emil Spinner the defect is now to be supplied and in connection with it we are glad to know that his memory is to be perpetuated in Bombay.

THE TRANSVAAL CONSTITUTION.

THE Transvaal Constitution which was drawn up six months ago has at last been promulgated, notwithstanding all opposition and the assertion of John Stuart Mill that "Free institutions are next to impossible in countries made up of different nationalities." Lord Milner has declared the action to be a dangerous mistake and many other experienced South African Colonists have condemned the thing in theory. Boers grew impatient at the delay and their organ the *Volksstem*, the other day, indulged in some plain speaking on the subject. It did not assume that the Imperial Government harboured any ulterior motives, but said that delay was causing unfavourable criticism. It hoped the Government would carry out its promises of six months ago, and said that if in consequence of recent manipulations the promised gift of self-government is whittled down to an insincere hollow imitation inspired by distrust of the Boers, "Het Volk" would be obliged to withhold from co-operating "in such a Parliamentary farce as would result if the Government permitted itself to be influenced to give a Constitution which would be neither fish nor flesh; and it would be guilty of a highly injudicious act which would retard the rehabilitation of an almost bankrupt country." From another source we learn that in anticipation of the grant of the Constitution the British settlers are leaving the Transvaal and it will be next to impossible to secure the desired British majority. There are however many safeguards, and notwithstanding all prognostications to the contrary the experiment may prove successful.

THE Viceroy and Lady Minto will proceed to Barrackpore on Saturday and return to Calcutta on Monday.

SIR EDWARD BUCK, who recently arrived in India, is now on a visit to Cawnpore.

THE Duke of Manchester will, I hear, pay a visit to India during the cold weather.

THE Hon'ble Montagu Parker, of the Grenadier Guards, is the guest of Lord Kitchener at Fort William.

THE P. and O. s. s. "Malta" with the China mails has left Colombo and is expected to arrive in Bombay at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

THE P. and O. Company's s. s. "Persia" with the outward mails of the 7th instant left Suez at 2 30 p.m. on Thursday.

THE Austrian Lloyd's s.s. "Franz Ferninand" left Kobe for Bombay on the morning of the 14th instant.

THE Austrian Lloyd's s.s "Trieste," from Japan left Colombo on the morning of the 14 instant and is due here on the 18th instant at daybreak.

THE Austrian Lloyd's s.s. "Imperatrix", from "Trieste," left Aden on the morning of the 14th instant and is due here on the 19th instant at noon.

THE Government of Madras have sanctioned, as a special case, a grant of Rs. 500 from the St. Mary's Church Fund to the Madras Branch of the S. P. G. which has suffered considerably by the failure of Messrs. Arbuthot and Co.

THE statement of traffic on the Ahmedabad-Dholka Railway, for the week ending 27th October amounted to Rs. 1,506, being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 248. The total earnings from 1st of July to the 27th October were Rs. 29,935, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 4,972.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti Valley Railway for the week ending 27th October, amounted to Rs. 16,061, being a decrease on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 2,103. The total earnings from 1st July to 27th October were Rs, 2,08,960, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 10,687.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Prantej Railway, for the week ending 27th October amounted to Rs. 3,146, being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 443. The total earnings from 1st July to 27th October were Rs. 54,315 being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 6,745.

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, NOVEMBER 30.

THE LORDS AND THE COMMONS.

Is it to be war to the knife between the House of Lords and the People's Chamber on the Education Bill or will there be a compromise? This is the question that everyone asks himself and the answer will be known before this letter reaches India. The Extremists of both sides are against a deal, but in this country the Extremists in such crises have not hitherto had their way and there are those who hold that a way will be found out of the threatened deadlock. The attitude of the Liberal party as a whole is reflected by the resolution passed by the National Liberal Federationion Tuesday—a resolution which says that the House of Lords, on the return of the Liberal party to power, has once more raised the question whether the hereditary Chamber or the House of Commons shall prevail declares that the Education Bill as it reached the House of Lords "contained the *maximum* of concession by the Government to its opponents;" calls upon the Government to reject the Lords' amendments and insists that the present Parliament shall not come to an end until steps have been taken to bring to a final arbitrament the question of "whether a House of hereditary Peers is any longer to possess a veto on the will of the people as declared by their representatives in the popularly-elected House of Commons." While the caucus, as it used to be called, was defying the peers, the Congregational Union of England and Wales at the first "special assembly it has ever held, was declaring that the Bill, the whole Bill and nothing but the Bill would satisfy the Nonconformists, One of the speakers" the Rev. J. Hirst Hollowell, said they had been told that the King, the Prime Minister, and the Archbishop of Canterbury had been conferring upon this question. The King they all knew—he belonged to them all—the Prime Minister they had chosen themselves; but the third party had better keep a little farther from the throne. On Monday the Archbishop of Canterbury received an influential deputation of Churchmen who urged that there should be no surrender and the same advice was given yesterday to Lord Lansdowne by influential representatives from the Catholic Education Council of England and Wales. Then we have had Mr. Balfour's important deliverance at the Junior Constitutional Club in which he contended that the Lords have not rejected the main principles of the Bill. Canon Menson chimes in with the reflection that if as the result—the not altogether improbable result—of the present controversy religion should be banished from our Schools it will only be a repetition of the sin-shadowed story of the Christian Church that Christ is wounded in the house of his friends. It is not without significance that as the National Liberal Federation Mr. T. Burt M. P., a religious man, if ever there was one, pronounced strongly in favour of secular education as the only solution of this unseemly quarrel between different branches of the Christian Church.

HUDDERSFIELD.

"Our correspondent of Huddersfield says truly that the tactics which risked a peculiarly complicated and anxious kind of by-election at this moment looked till yesterday more heroic than wise." So wrote the *Westminster Gazette* after the declaration of the poll showing that in this fiercely contested three cornered fight, the Liberals had retained the the seat vacated by Sir James Woodhouse's appointment to a lucrative office, a Railway Commissionership, though with a reduced majority, the Labour candidate, who also fared worse than at the general-election, being second list, and the Conservative representative, that lively young newspaper man, Mr. Foster Fraser, last with 450 more votes than he obtained in January. The frank admission of the *Westminster* showing that the Liberals were, by no means, confident may be contrasted with the absurd statement of Miss Christabel Pankhurst that they expected to win by 2000. The fact is the decision come to by the Irish Roman Catholics in the constituency to vote on this occasion with the Conservatives as their Bishop commanded them helped to make the issue doubtful and to encourage a feeling amongst the Opposition that they might be victorious even with a not specially strong candidate. Indeed it is said that the hastily got up luncheon of the Junior Constitutional Club on the polling day at which Mr. Balfour delivered such a strong fighting speech owed its origin to the belief that the Liberals would be defeated, but I merely mention this story for what it may be worth. If the Ministerialists had been pretty sure of holding their own, they would not have sent Mr. Winston Churchill to help Mr. Sherwell, that if the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies were not the modest man he is, he might be inclined to say "Alone I did it." Whatever may have been the reason that induced the majority not to turn their backs on the Ministry, the latter have good grounds for their elation. Obviously the return of the Conservative or in a lesser degree the Labourite would have staggered the Liberal party and could not have failed to affect enormously their approaching struggle with the Upper House. Whether however the election of Mr. Sherwell is of the importance *vis-a-vis* the Education Bill that the Liberals contend is open to doubt if we are to believe Mr. Keir-Hardy. The leader of the Labour Party who himself stumped Huddersfield declares that throughout the Education Bill and the House of Lords were never heard of "Socialism, social reform, and the enfranchisement of women were, he says, the topics which monopolized the speeches, to the exclusion, practically, of everything else." Seeing that the candidate who stood for all these things polled only 5,422 against 5,813 at the general election, Mr. Hardie's assertion seems on the face of it a confession of failure but he lastens to explain that on this occasion the Liberals "calmly, appropriated and claimed credits for some of the reforms which the party forced upon Parliament this Session. The Liberal Press scoffs at this assumption, but Mr. Keir-Hardie is right so far as the principal or as Mr. Decey would call it the most dangerous feature of the Trade Disputes Bill is concerned. The Liberal Labour members were just as Massie on the point as the Socialist Labour members but had not the latter adopted the attitude they did, the Government might not have given way. A few months has made a change, and the Labour party since the Municipal elections cut their claws are not quite so formidable as they were. Still their doctrines alarm a good many people and the *Pall Mall Gazette* for exampile severely scolds its own friends for not combining with the Liberals of Huddersfield to keep the Socialist out. "The issues at stake in the contest with Socialism are" rightly observes his influential Conservative organ "much greater than any of those which form the basis of ordinary party warfare. How petty indeed those issues often are and how much time is devoted to the parish pump that might be more profitably utilised in the interests of the nation and the Empire.

THE SUFFRAGISTS.

I should have thought that of any body of persons in particular had reason to be dissatisfied with the results of the Hudders' field election it was the suffragists, those unhappy women who cry aloud for what they call "justice" in revenge for a cruel fate that caused them to be born females instead of male. They put forward all their strength to bring about the defeat of the Liberal candidates and the release of their companions who have lately been enjoying cheap martyrdom in a northern district of the metropoles—so far from making the suffragists more placable only increased their animosity to the present Government. Mr. Gladstone says when questioned on the subject that it would be contrary to constitutional practice to mention the grounds on which he advised the exercise of Royal clemency and there are those who say that the liberation of the Suffragists when only half of their sentence had been completed was an electioneering manœuvre. If that was the object it miserably failed, for all the "martyrs," who could get away immediately went off to the Yorkshirebourgh to work against the Liberal Miss Christabel Pankhurst speaking at Battersea yesterday declared that at Hudderfield the Suffragists "scored tremendously" and that they were "elevated" to the position of a distinct party there. "She also said she believed the Tory party would give votes to women. The party that gave votes to women, would she added, as a threat I suppose to the backslider Mr. Burns, receive women's support. A propos an interesting incident occurred in the House of Commons on Tuesday. In the report stage on the one man one vote Bill, otherwise the Plural Voting Bill. Lord Robert Cecil who is nearly the most active member of the Opposition moved the following clause:—"This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January after the next general election, unless before that time an Act shall be passed giving the women the franchise on the same terms and conditions upon which it is enjoyed by men, in which case it shall come into operation on the day fixed for the coming into operation of such last mentioned Act." The discussion which followed was chiefly noticeable for the confession made by Mr. Balfour that he is not so keen about giving women the franchise as he was 25 years ago when the movement was advocated by sisters of Dukes and other great ladies, the ordinary taunt being that working women were quite indifferent although Mr. Balfour's admission was limited in its scope. Mr. Keir-Hardie seemed rather upset by it. He was sorry to hear from the leader of the Opposition that as he advanced in years he did not advance in wisdom, or, if he advanced in wisdom, he did not advance in gallantry, Mr. Keir-Hardie also inferred from Mr. Asquith's remarks earlier in the discussion that the present Government do not intend to enfranchise women before the next election—and inference which is very likely to be correct I should say. At any rate, neither this nor the succeeding Parliament will grant a scheme of women's suffrage that would satisfy the aspirations of some of the latter dry suffragists.

THE "SEND OFF" OF MR. DADABHAI, NAOROJI.

Nothing could have been more gratifying to Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji than his "send off" at the Victoria Station yesterday on his starting for India to assume the Presidentship of the coming Meeting of the National Indian Congress. The train started at 11 a. m. but from 10 o'clock Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji's friends began to shew themselves on the platform, and when he arrived to take his seat in a second class compartment most of Indians in London, and a nnmber of Europeans were assembled there to welcome him. Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji was looking remarkably well, and in the best form; and indeed he looked more vivacious and energetic than most of those who were there to do him honour, and to far as health goes "hard as nuts." A half an hour soon passed in wishing "God Speed" and "Good Voyage." As the time of departure drew nearer, he was saluted with showers of beautiful chrysanthemums and when at last the train moved off, the station rang and rang again with rounds on rounds of hearty and continuous cheering. Of course, Parsees made up the bulk of those present to bid Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji adieu and all of any note were there saving the official Parsees, or Members of the "Zoroastrian Fund in Europe." There were many Hindus, and among the Europeans were Sir George Birdwood, Mr. Hume and Mr. Hart Davies, M. P. By the way, some of Mr. Dadabhai's friends must be embarrassing to him in his present role. At the farewell meeting held by the National Democratic League on Wednesday, one of the speakers Mr. J. Ward, M.P., made a speech which if correctly reported does not speak much for his intelligence. According to the brief account of the proceeding in the *Tribune* he said that the Labour Party sympathised with the people of India in their desire for representative institutions. There is nothing new in that, but then he went on to say—if his words are, correctly reproduced that "India was not much used to the workers of England and should be possessed by its more people." Let Mr. Ward tell a Lancashire audience that India is not much use to the workers of England and hear what they say, though probably they would not be malevolistic as to seek to justify our rule in India on the sordid grounds that seem to appeal to the member for Stoke upon-Trent. By the way was it not stoke-upon-trent which chose the notorious Dr. Kenealey as its member?

THE BRITISH INDIANS OF SOUTH AFRICA.

In view of the somewhat exciting political situation at home Messrs. Gandhi and Ally, the delegates from the aggrieved British Indians of South Africa, cannot complain of any lack of interest in their case though it must be a disappointment to them that the projected deputation to the Prime Minister has not come off. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has excused himself on the ground of pressure of public duties, but I suspect that the real reason was that he did not care to run the risk of his remarks being reported after what has occurred with reference to the deputations that waited upon Lord Elgin and Mr. Morley. In both instances it was understood that the proceedings with each interview was fully reported next day in the *Times*, much to the disgust, I should imagine, of the Ministers concerned. Mr. Swift MacNeill with characteristic distrust of officials asked Mr. Morley yesterday whether the account of the India Office, deputation which appeared in the *Times* last Friday was communicated to that journal "and if so seeing that no reporters of the press were allowed to be present and that the impression of the members of the deputation was that the proceedings were intended to be confidential, why this report was communicated to the *Times* and not to those organs of the press which are supporters of his Majesty's Government?" Mr. Morley replied that "the report was not communicated to the *Times* by or with the authority of any official of the India Office." Mr. MacNeill is now putting a similar question to Mr. Churchill with reference to the Colonial Office deputations. With this exception the visit of Messrs. Gandhi and Ally has been without any contretemps though I think those who like Sir Raymond West at the reading of Mr. Ritch's paper, "The Burden of the British Indians in South Africa," before a meeting of the East India Association underrate the difficulties of the position. Sir Raymond West urged that the Imperial aspects of the question had been overlooked by the home authorities, who had been too ready to throw off responsibility on the ground of self-government being granted the colonies. We should live up to our glorious past, and should be prepared to face colonial opposition, as we faced it in Cape Colony, for example, when we abolished slavery. Easier said than done. The fact is, if the truth must be told, both parties afraid of the Colonists, who do not care anything about English sentiment though they are sensitive and rightly sensitive when we are neglectful of colonial sentiment. Difficult as the problem is for any Government it is for obvious reasons particularly difficult for a Liberal Government. Another aspect of the question was hinted at by Mr. Morley the other day and is enlarged upon in the article appearing in this morning's issue of the *Times*.

When British Indian subjects settle in the dominions of a foreign Power their interests are vigorously defended by the Imperial Government; any disabilities to which they may be exposed are made the subject of emphatic remonstrance; legislation specially directed against them would be construed by the Foreign Office as an unfriendly act. But should a self-governing colony adopt measures prejudicial to our Indian fellow-subjects, the home Government is not in a position to remonstrate with the same effect. Paradoxical as such a statement sounds, the Colonial Secretary has not the same power to compel attention to his representations as the Secretary for Foreign Affairs; he is disabled in negotiating with Englishmen beyond the sea. He is debarred from the ultimate appeal to force which lends seriousness to all negotiations with foreign Powers. As a matter of fact, neither the home Government nor the people of England are wanting in the will to redress the grievances of British Indians, at whatever hands they may have suffered, but they are by no means confident that the Constitution gives them the power of imposing their own will upon the Colony."

This, of course, is well understood here but as the writer in the *Times* puts it, we cannot even expect that such an explanation would be equally intelligible to the people of India.

Messrs. Gandhi and Ally gave a "Breakfast yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, at the Hotel Cecil to those who have supported the delegates during their present visit to this country,—which comes to its close to-morrow. Sir M. M. Bhownaggree who in and out of Parliament has done yeoman's service to the cause, occupied the chair, and beside a number of British Indians from South Africa, now in this country, studying law and medicine, he was supported by several well known Anglo-Indians, and other Englishmen, including Lord Reay, Sir George Birdwood, Sir Reymond West, and Sir William Bull. Sir Muncherji explained the constitution of the British Indian South African Committee to be formed in London, which he stated would be amply provided with funds, and had already taken an office, and engaged the services of a salaried secretary. He spoke strongly of the outrage on the British Indians in South Africa. The ordinances of the Transvaal Government declared that they must take no rest until these ordinances were abregated, however, many years it might take to ensure that end. Lord Reay, who said he could not join the Committee because he could render the cause they all had at heart greater service outside it, devoted a carefully worded speech to a reiteration of the explanations given by Lord Elgin and Mr. Morley of the position taken up by the Government in relation to the grievous position of the British Indians in South Africa. There was no question of his Lordship's mind on the matter being in the right groove, but there was no suggestion of any equitable solution of the problem before him.

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THE TRANSVAAL CONSTITUTION.

TERMS OF THE ORDINANCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DECEMBER 13.

The Liberal papers chorus the praise of the Transvaal Constitution, which the *Tribune* describes as a new Charter of Industrial Freedom.

The *Daily Chronicle* says that it is a genuinely democratic constitution and harmonises with the best traditions of Imperial policy.

With the exception of the *Daily Telegraph*, which is not disposed to quarrel with a constitution containing more safeguards than was anticipated, the Unionist papers condemn what the *Daily Mail* calls a most dangerous experiment.

The *Standard* says that the real meaning is the restoration of Boer independence.

The *Morning Post* is of opinion that the Land Settlement Board will collapse and the settlers will thus be betrayed.

The *Times* says that the electoral dice has been deliberately loaded in favour of a Boer Minority against a British majority.

THE GERMAN BUDGET.

Thirteen Millions for the Army and Navy.

COLONIAL ESTIMATES REJECTED.

LONDON, DECEMBER 14.

The rejection of the Colonial vote by the Reichstag is due to the coalition of the Clericals and Socialists, especially the former, who are thus ranging against the new Colonial Secretary's attempt to end their political intriguing.

Prince von Bulow in winding up the debate declared that Germany's prestige would be at stake. Government cannot let Parties and Parliament dictate the number of troops required for military operation.

The Semi-Official *Nord Deutsche Zeitung* in a special edition says that Germany success or failure in Damaraland constitutes the test of her ability to become a World Power.

THE CONGO QUESTION.

America Joins the Crusade.

LONDON, DECEMBER 13.

Sir E. Grey, in the House of Commons, said that the United States had intimated a desire to co-operate in the realization of reforms in the Congo.

The announcement, he said, was most welcome.

A further statement is unnecessary pending Belgium's decision.

THE ABYSSINIAN CONVENTION.

Signatures Affixed in London.

LONDON, DECEMBER 13.

The Abyssinian Agreement has been signed in London and also a Convention regulating the importation of arms by the French, British, and Italians in East Africa.

TWO MORE MEASURES PASSED.

The Free Meals Bill.

LONDON, DECEMBER 14.

The Commons have read a third time the Workman's Compensation Bill and the Provision of Meals for School Children Bill.

SUFFRAGIST DEMONSTRATION.

More Arrests at Westminster.

LONDON, DECEMBER 14

A Suffragist demonstration took place outside the Commons last evening but the Police prevented a meeting. Five women and one man were arrested.

THE HEALTH OF THE SHAH.

Serious News.

SPELLS OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS.

LONDON, DECEMBER 13.

The Shah is much worse and has spells of unconsciousness.

THE AMERICAN NAVY.

Out-classing the "Dreadnought."

LONDON, DECEMBER 14.

A telegram from Washington says that the Hon Charles Bonaparte, Secretary of the Navy, has submitted to Congress the plans for a battleship similar to the "Dreadnought." She is of twenty thousand tons and has a more powerful broadside fire than the "Dreadnought."

THE LAHORE DIOCESE.

His Lordship on Single Life.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, DECEMBER 14.

In an appeal to the Clergy of the Diocese to interest themselves more closely in the welfare of Soldiers' Homes, the Bishop of Lahore raises the question whether Chaplains in India ought to marry. He says I trust that I shall be pardoned if, in this connection, I refer for a moment to one point connected with the married and single states of life. Greatly as I believe that in a majority of, regards a Chaplain's life and work in conditions at any rate such as those in which we are placed in this land is advantaged by his being a married man, there is, I imagine, or so liable to be some drawback in the direction to which I am now referring. At least human nature being what it is, I can scarcely imagine that it is not much more difficult that it does not require a very much greater effort for a man to exchange the pleasure and quiet happiness of his home evening on the company of his wife and perhaps of children for the reading room of the Institute than for a single man to do so, and undoubtedly when I recall to my mind the man who in this Diocese, during the last seven years, have to my knowledge done the most in this respect I find that with one or two tolerate exceptions the majority of them were unmarried men or those whose wives were at Home."

THE CHURCH IN FRANCE.

OPERATION OF THE NEW LAW.

Laymen seek a Compromise.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DECEMBER 13.

The usual masses were held in Paris this morning, but the congregations were scanty. Proceedings were afterwards instituted against sixty-nine Churches.

The Anglo-American Catholic Church and one other complied with the law.

Yesterday's collective application was not authorised.

KING OF SWEDEN SERIOUSLY ILL

Regent Appointed.

LONDON, DECEMBER 14.

His Majesty the King of Sweden is seriously ill. The Crown Prince has been appointed Regent.

THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

Labourite Victory.

LONDON, DECEMBER 14.

The General Elections for the Federal Parliament in Australia have hitherto resulted in the return of 25 Labourites.

There will probably be a representative of 16 Labourites in the new Senate.

COST OF DENOMINATIONAL TEACHING.

House of Lords' Decision.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 25.

The House of Lords has allowed the appeal of the sensational decision by the Court of Appeal that the local authorities are not required to pay the cost of the denominational teaching in the elementary schools.

The House of Lords has thus reasserted the original interpretation of the Education Act of 1902.

THE INDIAN MUSSALMANS.

LONDON, DECEMBER 14.

Lord Aamphill presided yesterday at a meeting of the Indian Section of the Society of Arts when Yusaf Ali read a paper on the past, present and the future of the Mahomedans in India.

That paper showed that there was nothing in the religion and history of the Indian Mussalmans which prevented them taking a honourable place as the citizens of a free and progressive Empire.

Lord Amphill in addressing the meeting said that the Mahomedans had not always been true to themselves but the situation was hopeful.

His Lordship considered the recent deputation of Mahomedans which waited upon Lord Minto was an encouraging episode and the Mahomedans of India might rest assured that a fair treatment will be given them in the matter of public appointments provided they fit themselves for the same by the test of education.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, DECEMBER 14.

The death is announced of Reverend George Kerry, formerly a Missionary in Bengal.

PRESIDENT OF THE MADRAS CORPORATION.

Convicted of Assaulting a Costerwoman.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 14.

In the Egmore Police Court to-day before Mr. W. E. Clarke the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Mr. E. S. Lloyd, I.C.S., the President of the Madras Corporation, was charged by a seller of fruit, named Ammoyamaul with using criminal force to her at the Mylapore market. Mr. Lloyd informed the Court that the complainant was obstructing the entrance to the market with a basket containing custard apple which she was selling and he wanted her to remove this. She refused. He then kicked the basket and he contents fell out. Finding her still refuse to remove the basket he struck her a blow with his cane. He asked the Court to view the case in the light of a technical offience.

His Worship fined the accused Rs. 35 and awarded Rs. 8 to the complainant as compensation.

THE TELEGRAPH COMMITTEE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 14.

The Telegraph Committee sat at the Bengal Council Chamber to-day and examined witnesses representing the Bengal-Nagpur Railway and the East Bengal Railway.

CALCUTTA IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 14.

The *Pioneer* understands that the action in regard to the Calcutta Improvement Scheme will be taken up forthwith, as a way has been cleared for a definite decision on the disputed points.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 14.

Captain Cumberlege, Deputy Assistant Director-General of Military Works is granted 90 days' privilege leave from the 3rd of January 1907.

On the completion of the tenure, by Colonel Turner, Royal Garrison Artillery, of his command at Bombay, the following transfers are ordered :—

Colonel Alexander from Karachi to command the Royal Garrison Artillery at Bombay and Colonel Groome from Aden to command the Royal Garrison Artillery at Karachi.

On return from leave Lieutenant-Colonel Stafford, R. E., is appointed as Officiating, Commanding, Royal Engineer at Lucknow Division.

Lieutenant-Colonel Clanville, R.E., is transferred, from Lucknow to Allahabad as Assistant, Commanding Royal Engineer.

THE VICEROY'S COUNCIL.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Sara Bridge.

AN INTERESTING MEETING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 14.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council the Hon'ble Mr. Apcar asked the question about the Sara bridge already telegraphed. The Hon. Mr. Hewett replied as follows :—

In 1903 and again in 1904 the Government of India strongly recommended to the Secretary of State, the construction at an early date of a bridge over the Ganges at Sara. The Secretary of State postponed the consideration of the project until information could be made available, of the effect on traffic of the new railway from Katihar to Ranaghat which has not yet been opened throughout its entire length. The Secretary of State has now asked the Government of India for their opinion on the proposal of the Bengal and North-Western Railway to construct a bridge at Godagiri, and also for their general views on the question of bridging the Ganges. The matter has been under the consideration of the Railway Board, who have recommended that there should be one bridge at Rampur Boleah to be constructed from State Funds ; that the Bengal and North-Western and the Eastern-Bengal Railways should be connected by a short metre gauge for extensions with this bridge, and that the metre gauge should be given access to Calcutta by means of a new line also to be constructed by the State. The Government of India have decided to appoint a small Committee to investigate the whole question of the site at which the Ganges should be bridged. It will be presided over by the Director of Railway Construction ; and the Government of Bengal, the Port Commissioners of Calcutta, the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce will each have a representative on it.

Later, the Hon'ble Mr. Richards moved that the Insolvency Bill be referred to a Select Committee which was agreed to.

The Hon'ble Mr. Baker moved that the Bill to amend the Presidency Banks Act be referred to a Select Committee.

The Hon'ble Munshi Madho Lal addressed the Council suggesting that the Presidency Banks Act be empowered to advance money to solvent landowners, particularly those managed by the Court of Wards. At present the Presidency Banks were not allowed to lend money on security of land and he proposed that they should be allowed to give credit to estates in the Court of Wards on security of Estates, as well as to large landholders, provided sanction be given by the Local Government, and for a period, not more than six months.

This proposal being in the interest of landed proprietors the Hon'ble Mr. Baker replied, saying that it is doubtful if the remarks were in order, as the motion was only for referring the Bill to a Select Committee ; but as private notice had been given, he would say that he could not assent to the proposal. Presidency Banks cannot make advances on land, as money would be then locked up as non-liquid assets. He did not think the proposal would be particularly beneficial as month's loans would not be sufficient ; also Local Governments would have great difficulty in sanctioning loans as they would have no knowledge of the liabilities of an estate.

The Hon'ble Mr. Ibbetson introduced a Bill to abolish Rates and Cesses.

The Hon'ble Mr. Baker in introducing the Bill to amend the Local Authorities Loan Act said :—The Howrah Municipality had proposed to make a survey for water-works to cost one lakh, but they discovered that the law did not authorise them to raise money except for works proposed. Now the amended Act will allow Municipalities to borrow for any purpose on which they may legally spend money.

The Hon'ble Mr. Hewett, in introducing the Central Provinces Boilers Act said :—No legal provision exists in the Central Provinces for inspection of boilers, and owing to industrial expansion there had been great increase in the number of prime movers. There was no Legislative Council in the Central Provinces and hence the Bill had to be introduced here. The Bill was founded on the Bombay Boilers Inspection Act and the general provisions were the same.

The Council then adjourned to the 18th of January.

SARA GHAT BRIDGE.

Appointment of a Special Committee.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 14.

The *Pioneer* understands that the Government of India will appoint a committee to consider the question of bridging the Ganges at Sara or some other point.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 14.

ARMY DEPARTMENT.

Lieutenant-Colonels M. Gray and N. Burne, of the Indian Army and Captain Whale, I. M. S., are permitted to retire.

VOLUNTEER POSTINGS.

Calcutta Light Horse.—Sir J. Bourdillon resigned the Honorary Colnelcy.

Punjab Light Horse.—W. Wilson appointed one second-Lieutenant.

1st Punjab Rifles'—Second Lieutenant Rylands to be Lieutenant.

Bombay Volunteer Rifles.—A Trevn to be Captain *vice* Phillips.

B. B. and C. I. Railway Rifles.—Second Lieutenant Radcliffe to be Lieutenant and W. Radico, R. Garrett and W. Smith to be Second Lieutenants.

Poona Rifles.—Captain Ware resigns Commission.

The Volunteer Officers' decoration is conferred on Major Rich of the Surma Valley Light Horse and Captain G Taylor of the Nagpur Rifles.

HOME.

Mr. J. Hooper resigns the Civil Service.

Major Seton I. M. S. is placed on special duty under the Director-General, I. M. S.

The services of Mr. W. Upton, C. S., are placed at the disposal of the Foreign Officer.

Mr. P. Wickham is appointed Executive Engineer in charge of the P. W. Dept. Port Blair.

W. Y. Wood, R. I. M., officiates as Engineer and Harbour Master, Port Blair.

Dr. Steo Konos assumed charge as Government Epigraphist, for India on the 24th of November.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

Lieuts Hunter, Crosthwaite and Cottor are confirmed as Assistant Superintendents in the Survey Department.

Mr. Reynolds, Commissioner of the Agra Division succeeds Mr. Leslie Porter as member on the Board of Indian Peoples' Famine Trust.

RAILWAY BOARD.

Pandit G. Kaula, Examiner of Accounts, Eastern Bengal Ry. is granted leave for six months.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Mr. I. Robertson, Punjab, is placed in charge of the Office of Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, in addition to his own duties.

FINANCE.

Mr. Alder, C. S., officiates (class 2) Enrolled List and is posted as Assistant Accountant-General Bombay.

SIR Hamilton P. Freer-Smith arrived yesterday to carry out the duty assigned to him by Mr. Morley of specially investigating the hours and other conditions of factory labour in India, and more particularly in Bombay. Sir Hamilton P. Freer-Smith retired last May from the Factory Department of the Home Office, after more than thiry years' service, described by the Home Secretary in the House of Commons as "great and meritorious." His work as a factory inspector won the approval of both employers and operatives in the various centres where he was stationed, and he has the additional qualification for the mission he has undertaken that he is not without considerable personal knowledge of India or hereditary connection therewith, his father having twice been Sheriff of Calcutta.

THE PERSIAN CONSTITUTION.

PARLIAMENT AND THE COURT.

Story of the Movement.

OBJECTORS TO REFORM.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 14.

The *Pioneer* says that Reuter in cabling the news that the Persian Parliament demands immediately the approval of the Constitution by the Government party has not explained what the Constitution is. "It is nothing but the *Kanun Assassi*—a phrase difficult to render into English but which means 'Constitutional Laws' or a Code of Civil Regulations. We have stated already that this *Kanun Assassi* was submitted by the Parliament to the Government Party on the 6th of November last for the Shah's approval. Most probably the delay in signing the Code Constitution is due to the Shah's critical illness. In the meantime the projected National Bank has been formally opened by Parliament with a capital of 500 million *krans*. On the opening day it was announced that 150 million *krans* had already been deposited in the Bank by the public purchasing shares.

Telegraphic messages were sent to all the chief cities of Persia for apprising merchants and citizens of the aim and object of the Bank, as well as the advantages to be derived by purchasing its shares and the response was most encouraging. Payments towards the Army expenses and those of Frontier Commission have been issued on the guarantee of the Parliament and it is understood that a small committee has been formed by Parliament to reduce all state expenses as far as possible. On the promulgation of the Code Constitution every State department will be re-organised according to its regulations, and no expenditure will be allowed to be incurred without the previous sanction of the Financial Committee of the Parliament To proclaim the new form of Government in Persia, the Parliament has already changed. The Persian national flag which is a tricolour one one emblematic of the Parliamentary form of Government. On the 2nd of December the new tricolour flag was hoisted on Government House at Bushire with great *eclat*.

THE SHAH'S SPEECH.

The *Pioneer* publishes a close translation of the speech made by the Shah of Persia to the Princes and Kajjars when they refused to take part in the elections of the representatives to the Parliament. The Shah said :—

"We know very well that the reason of your non-interference in the affairs of the Assembly, which we have promulgated in the interests of the nation, is due to the doubts infused in your minds by persons who are unaware of our intentions, and that you have, through a mistaken sense of loyalty to the person of your King, accepted them without reserve, and kept aloof. It becomes, therefore, necessary that we should personally explain our views to you. When we were the Crown Prince of this kingdom we observed with pain and concern the masses of the people trodden down by unscrupulous officials ; and confusion reigned in the various internal and external departments of State ; and chaos was supreme We were then anxious to devise means to mitigate these evils. As, however, we had, at the time, to keep entirely aloof from the affairs of the State, no remedy was at hand ; till, in the ordinary course of nature, the direction of the affairs of the kingdom came into our hands."

The Shah then related how the Amin-us-Sultan put obstacles in the way of reform and continued

"We at last appointed Air-ud-Dowlah Premier and apprised him of our intentions. After agreeing with our wishes he suggested that the best way of overcoming obstacles that were in his mind would be to reform the financial arrangements of the country, and devote all his time to this end. At the start he met with complications which were in themselves the result of his failing to carry out our instructions in their entirety. We have now placed the affairs of this realm in the hands of a man who has been brought up under our eyes—Mirza Nassrullah Khan Mashir-ud-Dowlah and have demanded from him a speedy realisation of our views. He has, for the welfare of the nation, with very great activity and whole heartedness, removed all difficulties and has set our mind at rest. We are very much pleased with Mashir-ud-Dowlah, and the ecclesiastical leaders of Islam, especially, so with Aga Mir Syed Mahomed Majtdhed, inasmuch as they most thoroughly gave effect to our wishes and carried the whole nation with them in the attainment of our long deferred hopes at the Court of their personal ease and comfort, making the Persian representative Assembly an accomplished fact.

"Then know you all that it been throug hour own wish and iniative that this gift of liberty has been granted to our loyal subjects. We have with pleasure accepted the leadership of this assembly which is of our own creation. He who goes against this Assembly goes against our Person."

JUNJ B FISHING CLUB.

Attempt at Resuscitation.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, DECEMBER 14.

A meeting to revive the North Punjab Fishing Club was held at Rawalpindi, General Coxhead presiding. There was a fairly good attendance of men interested in angling and many who would otherwise have been present were absent on manœuvres.

The following Resolutions were passed unanimously :—

That the North Punjab Fishing Club be revived with effect from 1st January 1907, with the object of carrying out the protective provisions of Act 4 of 1897 (Indian Fishers Act) and the Rules there under, and that the following Committee be elected with power to add to their number—viz.

Lieutenant-General Sir O'Moore Creagh, President ; Lieutenant-Colonel A. Hamilton of the 25th Punjabees ; M. Cowper of the 10th D. C. O. Lancers ; Captain H. R. E. Pratt of the 36th Sikhs ; Mr. R. G. Alexander of the 11th K. E. O. Lancers, and Mr. W. De M. Malan, I. C. S., Honorary Secretary.

The Committee subsequently resolved that the Deputy Commissioners of Rawalpindi and Attock be asked to join the Committee as members *ex officio*.

It was also resolved that no entrance fee be charged and that the subscription for all members be fixed at Rs. 2 per mensem, or at a reduced rate of Rs. 16 per annum payable in advance before end of the first month of the year of membership.

That the membership of the Club be not restricted to any class or community of all anglers being eligible.

That donations or subscriptions be invited from all persons interested in the preservation of fish in Northern India.

That a staff of water bailiffs be entertained to be recruited as far as possible from fishing shikaris living near protected waters, such men being more likely to take an interest in the work than military pensioners or ordinary zamindars.

And finally that all other details of management be left to the descretion of the Committee.

MYSORE GOVERNMENT COMPTROLLER.

Reverts to the Bengal Service.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, DECEMBER 14.

Mr. Akshay Kumar Basu, Comptroller to the Government of Mysore leaves Bangalore on the commencement of the Christmas Vacation and reverts to the service of the Government of India.

This change is made at his own request despite strenuous efforts to retain his services here.

AN ancient inmate of the Southwark Workhouse has applied for a new glass eye, his old one having become the worse for wear. The medical officer thought a glass eye was not necessary, but the guardians have ordered one to be procured at one

THE AMIR'S VISIT.

SPECIAL TRAIN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 14.

The special train generally used by the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal will be used for the personal accommodation of the Amir of Cabul during his tour.

THE AGRA MANŒUVRES.

Composition of the Force.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 13.

The following is the composition of the force detailed for the Agra concentration :—

CAVALRY DIVISION.

The 7th Cavalry Brigade :—D. Battery, Royal Horse Artillery ; 17th Lancers. The 5th Cavalry Brigade :—21st Lancers The 37th British Field Hospital and A and B Cos : 16th Native Field Hospital. The 8th Cavalry Brigade :— O. Battery, Royal Horse Artillery ; 1st Royal Dragoons ; 9th Hodson's Horse. The 6th Cavalry Brigade :— D Co : 37th British Field Hospital and A and B Cos : 171st Native Field Hospital.

The 7th Infantry Division The 19th Infantry Brigade:—2nd King's Royal Rifle Corps; 1st Scottish Rifles ; 1st Royal Irish Rifles ; 2nd Rifle Brigade and No. 34 British Field Hospital. The ; 20th Infantry Brigade :—1st and 3rd Gurkha Rifles ; 2nd and 3rd Gurkha Rifles ; 7th Gurkha Rifles ; 2nd and 10th Gurkha Rifles and No. 160 Native Field Hospital The 21st Infantry Brigade :— 1st and 2nd Gurkha Rifles ; 1st 2nd and 9th Gurkha Rifles and No. 162 Native Field Hospital ; 48th Pioneers ; 3rd, 30th and 57th Batteries, Field Artillery ; No. 2 Mountain Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, including the Telegraph section ; Nos. 2 and 4 Companies Sappers and Miners; No. 163 Native Field Hospital. 8th Infantry Division ; 1st Oxfordshire Light Infantry ; 1st Durham Light Infantry ; 1st Somerset Light Infantry and 2nd Royal Welsh Fusiliers 23rd Infantry Brigade, 8th Rajputs ; 10th Jats ; 24th Punjabis ; 9th Bhopal Infantry and No. 168 Native Field Hospital ; 24th Infantry Brigade ; 4th Rajputs ; 3rd Brahmans: 17th Infantry ; 35th Sikhs and No 169 Native Field Hospital. Divisional Troops : 1st Lancers ; 12th Pioneers ; 74th, 77th and 79th Batteries, R. F. A ; No 7 Mountain Battery, R. G. A ; Nos 2 and 5 Companies 1st Sappers and Miners, including the Printing section ; No 39 British Field Hospital ; 17th, 14th and 66th Howitzer Batteries, R. F. A ; No 72 Company R. G. A. Heavy Battery; Balloon section, Agra Volunteer Rifles.

The Viceroy's escort will consistof the following :—15th Hussars ; 6th P. W. O. Cavalry; D. Battery, R. H. A; 1st Scottish Rifles and 1st Gurkha Rifles.

The 18th Tiwana Lancers will also proceed to Agra for escort duty with His Highness the Amir.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 14.

In connection with the arrangements for Press Correspondents during the Viceroy's State visit to Agra in January next, it has been decided not to provide a Press Camp as at the Delhi Durbar. All that can be done is to give the Press representatives a first claim to accommodation at the Visitors' Camp.

IMPORTANT RAILWAY CASE.

Railway not Responsable for Property not Receipted.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, DECEMBER 14.

A case of some interest, both to Railway Companies and to Traders has been decided in the Small Cause Court at Delhi.

On a certain date last year the servants or agents of certain merchants of Delhi deposited two bales of gunny bags at the Punjabi Serai station of the North-Western Railway but failed to book them or to obtain a Railway Receipt. Later on the Railway clerks, finding a bale of gunny on the premises without any marks or other means of identification treated it as lost property and sent it to the Lost Property Office. Later still, the owners sent a man to book their bales and obtain receipt, when it was found that one bale had disappeared and the other, as above narrared, had been treated as lost property. They then sought to hold the Railway administration responsible for theft of one bale from its premises and to obtain possession of the other. The Railway repudiated all liability but offered to restore the remaining bale on payment of storage and other charges due under the rules in force. The owners thereupon instituted proceedings with the result that the suit has been dismissed with costs, the Judge holding that a Railway is only responsible for goods when their clerk has given a formal receipt for them, and further that the Railway was entitled to ask for demurrage and other charges claimed before delivery of property which they held as lost property.

SIR EDWARD POE AT CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 14.

His Majesty's Steamship "Hermes," the flagship of His Excellency Sir Edward Poe will moor at the Baboo Ghat at 4 30 p. m. to-morrow.

The Admiral, will probably land on the vessels arrival, when a salute of 17 guns will be fired at the Fort.

PLAGUE RETURNS.

Week Ending 8th December.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 13.

The following is a statement of plague seizures and deaths during the week ending 8th December which shows 7,765 seizures and 6,098 deaths for the whole country compared with 8,286 seizures and 5,992 deaths during the previous week.

Deaths in the principal provinces were as follows :—

Bombay and Sind 1,716 ; Madras 7; Bengal 346; The United Provinces 1,454 ; Punjab 1,697 ; Burma 126 ; Central Provinces 315 ; Mysore 112 ; Central India 288 ; Kashmir 23.

The worst areas were the Kaira District with 295 ; Satara with 281, and the Baroda State with 315 deaths.

Bombay and Cawnpore City 217 ; and Ballia District 213.

The United Provinces and Ludhiana District 341.

Gurdaspur District 213.

Patiala State 333.

HAFFKINE'S ANTI-PLAGUE VACCINE.

Consumption and Results.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 14.

During the official year ending March 1906 the number of doses of Haffkine's anti-plague Vaccine sent out from the Plague Research Laboratory was 316,639 against 129,507 in the previous year. British India took 219,088 ; Native States 50,568 ; Portuguese India 24, and Foreign countries 46,959 doses.

All the extensive users of the vaccine asked to keep records of the results, and the replies received should convince the most obstinate sceptic that in inoculation we have a safe and efficient means of combating the disease.

The first dance of the season will be given at Government House on Friday the 21st inst. and

GREAT JEWELLERY HAUL IN BOMBAY.

MEADOWS STREET PREMISES RANSACKED.

A Deep-Laid Scheme Artfully Consummated.

10,000 RUPEES WORTH MISSING.

While Bombay slept last night one of the most daring burglaries recorded for years was perpetrated at the premises of Mr. Dhanamal Chellaram, in Meadows Street, and some ten thousand rupees worth of jewellery and precious stones looted. An investigation of the premises shows the scheme to have been deep-laid, and carried out with consummate ability and patience. It is fairly obvious, too, that more than one man was engaged in the perpetration of the act, and although for some hours one of the burglars must have been keeping an eye upon the policeman on duty at the top of Hummam Street—through a verandah door which was kept, and left, an inch ajar—the thieves got off Scot free, leaving no trace behind them.

A more skilfully-planned affair it would be difficult to imagine. The premises of Mr. Dhanamal Chellaram were closed at the usual hour last night, and the place left securely locked up, with a *Bya* "on duty," in the shop and another man in charge of the outhouse. The latter building opens on to Spinner's compound, around which are the offices of the Bombay Persian Steam Navigation Company. This opens through an archway into Ash Lane from which it is surmised the burglars made their nocturnal entry. They had apparently no difficulty in getting into the outhouses which, although supposed to be bolted, is generally left open for anyone to come in or out as he choses. In the outhouse, one man was asleep, and the burglars were particular not to wake him. The outhouse is divided from Mr. Chellaram's shop by a gulley, about three or four feet square, but there being a well-made door to the shop the burglars made no effort to force it. Instead, they promptly negotiated the wall of the gully ten feet high and topped with formidable pieces of broken glass. Fortunately for the depredators, the wall has been twice added to, so that it is more or less in steps, which, notwithstanding the broken glass, greatly assisted the thieves in their work.

Having scaled the wall, another climb of three or four feet landed them on the balcony of Messrs. Clifton's, the photographers. Up this declivity one of the burglar's toes carried a fine lump of glass, for the piece of glass was found on the floor of the balcony, together with the congealed blood which it produced. Arrived on Messrs. Clifton's balcony, the first serious obstacle presented itself The double door was firmly bolted, but the burglars at once set to work to bore a hole with an auger in the centre of the door, where they surmised the bolt to be. They bored a hole, but could not finger the bolt, so, having bored an inch too high, they set to work on another hole. But still they failed to locate the catch. The second hole must have been too high ; but as they could "touch metal" they carefully bored another hole an inch lower. A fourth hole was made and then the thieves discovered that they had been boring in the wrong place. So they turned their attention to the top of the door, where they eventually located the bolt. Here hole often hole was made and at last a squarish lump of wood was punched out of the door, and the bolt successful lowered Still the *Durwan* slept.

Having now lowered the bolt the premises of Messrs Clifton, which are immediately over Mr. Chellaram's shop, were quickly entered. Here the burglars found a small dark drying room, where unfinished photographs were hanging on lines. This room was above the darkest portion of the jeweller's shop below, and their selection of it for further borings showed excellent judgment on the part of the burglars. One thief went into the photographic studio, from whence a Venetian door commands a full view the length of Hummum Street and the policeman on duty at the top corner. Setting the door an inch ajar the burglars' non-combatant kept watch—a watch that must have been maintained for hours, for inside the drying room the other man was busy at work cutting a hole in the floor big enough to admit the body of a man. Having no other instrument then an anger this part of the scheme had to be accomplished by a square of small holes as big as marbles, and before the piece of board could be torn up no less than forty holes had to be bored. A more patiently accomplished burglary it would be hard to imagine. While all this boring was in progress the Byar was below, but one can scarcely believe that even a Hindu watchman could slumber peacefully through the night, while forty holes were being bored above him. Three sides of the square were bored, and then the board was torn up, and Mr. Dhanamal Chellaram's thousands of rupees worth of *objets d'art* and jewellery was at the burglars' mercy. The wonder is they were content with Rs. 10,000 worth.

The thieves got away as smartly they as came. The wily manner in which the burglars did all their work reminds one of the successful attempt on Mr. Dhunjimul Bhagwandas's premises hard by a year or two ago, when the burglars took care to reap the full reward of their toil, and got clear away with jewellery to the extent of Rs. 80,000. That also was a simple story of patient boring—and a sleeping *Durwan* !

It is not only native shops which are made the polite attention of the Bombay burglars. Thirty—seven years ago Mr. Soundy's jewellery store was entered and Rs. 22,000 worth looted, and there have been others.

The following list shows the booty which was the reward of the night's work :—

	Rs.
Forty goldrings plain and jewelled ...	1,000
Seven gold bracelets	700
One hair pin	20
Thirteen gold watch chains	1,600
Four gold purses	300
Twenty-four neck chains	390
Twenty-two muff chains	1,700
Ten dressers...	900
Four bangles	200
Fifty-six jewelled necklaces	4,480
One muff chain	6
Two Shetlands (?)	170

CROP AND RELIEF RETURNS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 14.

There has been no practical change in the number of persons in receipt of relief since the previous week, which still amounts to about 42,000. The numbers are unimportant except in Darbhanga where 18,167 are in receipt of gratuitous relief and 18,408 are on the Relief Works.

The condition and prospects of standing crops are, on the whole, fair to good.

THE SEASON IN BOMBAY.

The following telegram from the Government of Bombay was sent to the Government of India, on December 12 :—Rabi crops reported to be withering for want of rain in parts of the Deccan and Karnatak. Standing crops slightly damaged by locusts in parts of Karachi, Hyderabad, Satara and Kolhapur ; insects in parts of Karachi, Upper Siud Frontier and Thar and Parkar and unfavourable winds in parts of Palanpur and Cutch ; and generally in good condition elsewhere. Harvesting and threshing of kharif crops in progress. Rabi sowing nearing completion. Cotton picking progressing in Sukkur, Hyderabad, Thar and Parkar, Ahmedabad, Deccan and Kathiawar. Supply of drinking water sufficient. Water for irrigation purposes adequate except in parts of Nasik and Poona. Agricultural stock generally sufficient and in good condition. Fodder supply adequate. Quantity of foodgrains purchasable per rupee in Deccan and Karnatak normal to 30 per cent. less than normal, and elsewhere normal to 25 per cent. bellow. Labourers get sufficient employment in fields. Public health generally good.

THE case against Smit, a grandson of ex-President Kruger, who was charged with the murder of Hermann Davis, was concluded at Pretoria on Oct. 25, when the jury returned a verdict of guilty, but expressed the opinion that the accused was insane. The Chief Justice ordered the accused to be confined in prison during the Governor's pleasure.

INDIA'S "GRAND OLD MAN."

RECEPTION OF MR. DADABHAI NAOROJI.

Interview on Boardship.

NATIVE REJOICING.

THE "Grand Old Man of India" as the natives and the Native Press lovingly call Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji, arrived in Bombay by the English mail steamer Arcadia, on his way to Calcutta to preside at the forthcoming sitting of the Indian National Congress in that City. The ovation which he received at the landing, and the enthusiasm with which the inhabitants of Bombay greeted him everywhere, exceeded the anticipations of the most sanguine among them. The hearts of the city seemed to have been stirred to its utmost depth ; and seemed to go out to the old veteran of 82 years, who had been rendering life-long service in the interests of his countrymen. From the highest to the lowest, Indians of all classes and denominations appeared to vie with each other as to who should accord the heartiest welcome to the man who had made their welfare a life's study, with the most unselfish intentions, without the hope of reward or self-aggrandisement. They seemed to regard Mr Naoroji as a personification of all the noblest and the most sublime qualities of humanity. As some of their organs said, India has not produced a nobler son than he ; not has she ever witnessed a more absorbing or more inspiring spectacle than that witnessed yesterday—an octogenarian hero stepping on her shores, to lay with his pious hands the last great sacrifice of a great life on the altar of patriotism and loyalty. There may be Indians, they said, who do not subscribe to all that Mr. Naoroji says, but where is the Indian, they asked, who does not feel proud of Mr. Naoroji? Where is the Indian who can fail to admire that high sense of public duty which has induced him to take this perilous burden upon his shoulders? All Indians must join the native admirers of Mr. Naoroji said in paying homage to a great character—In honouring a stainless gentleman, an ardent patriot, a devoted upholder of British power and supremacy in India. For in paying him this homage, they paid homage to all that is noble and inspiring within themselves.

The deputation, carrying nosegays and garlands, left the Ballard Pier as soon as the mail-boat was sighted aboard Mr. Dubash's launch. It was a gaily party, and amongst them was Mr. and Mrs. Dadina, the daughter and son-in-law of the Grand Old Man. The launch followed the Arcadia until it anchored and meanwhile as soon as the veteran politician was observed standing upon the suricane deck-surrounded by the admiring passengers, a hearty cheer was sent up and Mr. Naoroji gently waved his hankerchief in response. As soon as the launch got alongside, Mr. Naoroji descended the steps, and came aboard the boat with the agility of a youngster, and was at once garlanded and presented with bouquets. To say that the veteran did not look his years is only faintly to describe his appearance. His locks are white and he has a little stoop, but in all truth, a more healthy, happy-looking old man of eighty could scarcely be found anywhere in the world. His face was as pink as a baby's—a rare attribute in a Parsee—and from his visage it is clear that his fifty years in England has done wonders for his constitution. He smiled benignly, embraced his daughter, and appeared to be delighted at the reception given to him. Then the members of the Deputation were severally introduced to him, and one by one he shook hands with them. The distinguished veteran observed that he had had a very pleasant voyage, and that his health had been excellent.

A SHORT INTERVIEW.

"Find time heavy on your hands now, Mr. Naoroji," the *Gazette* representative enquired.

"Oh dear no," replied the Ex-M. P. for Central Finsbury, "Not a moment. Indian affairs absorb me as much as ever."

"Still compiling statistics ?" Mr. Naoroji smiled amusedly. "Why, of course," he said, "Indian statistics can never be exhausted."

"You will find Bombay changed since your last visit." "Yes I see that already. The Bunder is unrecognisable. I observed your beautiful new buildings on the Apollo Bunder as we come into the Harbour. It is very wonderful."

"Will the people have changed, do you think ?" —"They will have progressed. Their happiness and advancement is all I think of. For "my country, 'tis of thee.—"

Mr. Naoroji looked pensively towards the setting sun, and the crowds upon the Bunder wall.

"You will be pleased to see your family once more ?—"Yes you know, it is thirteen years since I was last amongst them. But I can best serve my people in England. And all the people of India are my family."

"Going into Parliament again, Mr. Naoroji ?"— The ve

garlanded Mr. Naoroji and presented him with a bouquet of flowers. It the top of the staircase, Mr. Kanjee Maljee, a Hindu jeweller, performed an interesting native ceremony with a shower of real pearls round Mr. Naoroji's head. So intense was the rush of spectators at this moment that it was most difficult to find a passage for Mr. Naoroji through the surging mass of people who surrounded him in every direction. A passage was forced through it, and Mr. Naoroji reached the motor-car which was kept ready for him. With him in the car rode Sir P. M. Mehta and Mr. D. E. Watcha, and the car soon sped away from the bunder. The car was a magnificent 40 H.-P. British-built Belsize Landau, placed by Messrs. Marshall and Harper, at the disposal of the Reception Committee. It was draped with valuable Cashmere shawls. This was followed by half a dozen cars including

THE ASSEMBLY AT THE BUNDER.

Among those present at the Bunder were :—Sir Pherozsha Mehta, Rao Saheb Daghji Kassinath, Mr. S. C. Dhondi, Rao Bahadur Kuramsi Damji, Mr. R. Udairam, Mr. Fardoonji M. Bamonji, Dr. D. A. DeMonte, Dr. Row, Mr. Framji Pandey. Mr. Tansukhram Mansukhram, Mr. R. D. Tata, Mr. Fardunji Kanga, Mr. Ratilal Mazmudar, Mr. Hormusji Ni Wadia, Mr. K. M. Javeri, Mr Shapoorji Hicaji Patel Congresswalla, Mr. Hansraj Pragji Thackersey, Mr. V. J. Shankersett, Mr. Wamanrao Nana Morobe, Mr. H. A. Wadia, Mr. Dhakji Krishnaji, Mr. Lakhmsi Napu, Mr. Amirudin Tyabjee, M. Mohandas Tribhovandas Vurjiwandas, Mr. D G Padhye, Mr. V. D. Thackersey, Mr. D. G. Suklatwalla, Mr. D. P. Patel, Mr. Rustomji Jeejeebhoy, Jamsetjee Cursetjee Jamsetjee and Dr. K. D. Cooper, Dr. A. G. Viegas and others.

DECORATIONS AT THE BUNDER.

The whole of Apollo Bunder from passengers, pavilion down to the premises of the Ripon Club, was rettily decorated with flags, banners, and bunting, with necklaces and festoons of flowers, stretching from Venetian poles. Near the Royal Bombay Yacht Club, the road was spanned by a beautiful red scroll with the inscription in letters of gold, "India's cordial greetings to her most beloved and distinguished son." Another scroll spanned the road between Watson's Annexe and the premises of the Ripon Club, both of which were tastefully decorated, with the inscription. "We welcome India's selfless and stainless patriot." Higher up was another scroll put up by the Bombay Diamond Merchants' Association with the inscription "Welcome Impartial Man of India."

THE ROUTE OF THE PROCESSION.

The motors and carriages forming a procession had only to go at a walking pace as it was impossible to penetrate through the crowd whose enthusiasm knew no bounds. The parties taking part in the procession could only find themselves in an ocean of moving heads representing every caste, creed, and sect, that Bombay contains. Whole of the Hornby Road from the King's statue to Bori Bunder presented a gay appearance and the banners and bunting gave the whole locality an appearance of a general festival. On the large banners hung overhead across the street were all sorts of choice mottoes. Some very ingenious but most of them indicated the correct idea of Indian enthusiam. The first of its kind began from the Elphinstone College building in front of the King's Statue, it said : "Long live the First Indian Professor of Mathematics." The King's Statue was decked with bunting and flags so were the buildings, where are located the offices of Sir Currimbhoy Ibhrahim and Company. A few paces further and the Chambers of Sir Pherozeshaw Metha was found decked with bunting and pretty flags. Posts were planted at the other end of the street to allow of garlands of paper-bunting and Japanese decorations being hung across the road. As they proceeded further, the next decorations on the buildings to catch the attention was the mercantile banks of India Buildings, where also a banner bore the line : "Bombay warmly welcomes the Grand Old Man to the City of his Birth." The next banner a few yards of it had the following lines inscribed by the Parsee and the arch overhang the Street in front of the Fire Temple (Dady Sett's Agiary) : "May the great Hormaz spare you long for the good of the Zorastrians." The Alice buildings and Messrs A. Fredoon and Co. had also a display of decorations. Next to this was the first halt made by the procession and Gulam Husein Ismailji, steel trunk manufacturer, presented an address in a silver casket to which of course the old gentleman hardly had time to reply. They all proceeded further to read. "One flag one Empire." The second hault was made near the young Ladies High School, where Mr. Dadabhoy Naoroji received ovations by the young ladies, who also sang a song of welcome. Navsari building and other buildings in the line belonging to Messrs Tata and Sons also presented a lovely spectacle, the former displaying on the banner "Nausari sends her blessings to Mr. Dadabhoy." The cars moved a little faster only to be checked by the large crowd which was increasing as the old gentleman's vehicle proceeded towards the native town. Driving past the Victoria Terminus along the Hornby road as far as the market, the line of motors turned to the left to enter the Esplanade Cross Road. Motor cars were still madly followed by an enthusiastic crowd and a confusion of carriages, the only wonder being how it was not any serious accident happened. Arriving at Money school, Mr. Dadabhoy had to wait a couple of minutes to receive garlands and bouquets from Mr. Jugmohundas Munguldas at Jambulwadi. During the drive along this part of the route the following lines were noticed on the banners overhanging the streets : "Long live the first Parsee Social Reformer and Educationist." "Jai, Jai for Hind's illustrious Dada." "Hail to the Grand Old Man triumph and advancing." "India depends upon martyrs like thee." "Welcome to our beloved old Dada." When Mr Dadabhoy's vehicle entered into the Kalbadevi Street, the real difficulty of driving through the crowd was experienced and for some time it looked as if the crowd would not move to allow any vehicle traffic to pass. At last room was found for a single line of carriages to pass and the procession went on. They again stopped at Bhangwadi where Mr. Tribhowandas Munguldas presented flowers and Miss Jayavanti Thibhowandas garlanded the old gentleman. Dewji Mulji, a Jeweller on the Kelbadevi Road, also presented Mr. Dadabhoy with a solid silver photo frame with the old gentleman's picture, and garlanded him. This crowded street looked most enthusiastic as no less than at 16 places their "G. O. M." was asked to stop and receive presents of flowers and silver caskets, &c. The merchants of that locality in a body presented a silver box containing an address. Mr. Mummohundas Ramji presented flowers on behalf of self and Piece Goods Merchants association. Amongst others who presented Mr. Dadabhoy Naoroji with flowers were K. B. Mehta and Co., The Kathiawar Mitra Mandal, Merchants of Mulji Jetha Cloth Market, Dwarkadas Gordhandas, Country Tabacco Merchant's Association. Hiralal Maganlal Javeri, Rajabahadhur Shivlal Motilal, Tarachand Lukmidas, Bombay Jeweller's Association and Shewram Khusalchand's Moonim.

Between Markets and the Money School the following banners were hung over-head : "India depends on martyrs like thee." "We bid you a hearty welcome," "Welcome to our beloved old Dada." "Thy beloved name is a household word."

THROUGH THE NATIVE TOWN.

When Mr. Dadabhoy entered the Bhooleshwar locality the decoration had assumed a novel feature. The vegetable market was decorated with garlands and necklaces of all sorts of vegetables and fruits. When the procession arrived near the cloth shops, the decorations in the streets were all made out of various kinds of cloth sold there. The row of silk sellers shops was decked with samples of silk sold therein and the necklaces, and garlands of sweets across and along the street over-hanging the Passers revealed the fact that it was the part of the native town which was known for the manufacture of good sweetmeat. Between Bhooleshwar Market and Girgaum the procession stopped at 18 different places to receive ovations and flowers. The banners in that part of the town had the inscriptions : "Long live the Grand Old man is the sincere prayer of the residents of Bhooleshwar." "India will not forget your magnificent services to your country." "British Sense of Justice will at last prevail." India wishes you success in your noble Mission. "We welcome thee to thy native shores with happy and joyous lores."

ENTHUSIASM OF THE PEOPLE.

The ocean of human beings continued to remain all along the route and at Girgaum the crowd was tremendously large. In spite of such a crush and pushes the enthusiastic Indians—male and female—were out to catch a glance of the old man about whom so much good they had heard. On the terraces, roofs, balconies and every other place of advantage, even the compound wall and trees were taken advantage of and enthusiastic heads peeped over the shoulders of others looking in anxious desire. That desire was fully satisfied. The procession moved, under the direction of Mr. Ratilal Mazmudar, at such a pace as to give everybody an opportunity of having a full view of the venerable look that the Indians were so anxious to see for the last decade and three years. Though the route was nearly the same as 1893 when Mr. Dadabhoy Naoroji had come to India to preside at the Lahore Congress, yet the radical changes in the town during the last ten years must have been a matter of surprise to him. The huge buildings recently built and the newly opened wide streets must have been a scene beyond his expectations, and above all, the enthusiasm and cordiality with which he was received seemed also to have increased in proportion to the growth of the city.

Between the Bhooleshwar Market and Potuguese Church at Girgaum the procession had to stop at the following places, where ovations were given and of flowers presented to Mr. Dadabhoy ; at the market by Mr. Mulji Narayenji ; near, the Temple by the family of Mr Gangadas Vijbhukandas, and prayers were offered by the Brahmins of the Temple. Also presents were made by the Merchants of the locality. At Bhuleshwar Liberary, Dr. Nagindas Mansklal presented flowers. Near Kumbhartukda Gujerat Mitra Mela gave an ovation. Presentation of a *Sheli*, cocoanut etc., were made by the Manager of the Kapole Orphanage. An ovation by Hindu women was given at Hira Bag ; and by the Ladies Union at Chuuilal Nagendas' bungalow. Flowers were presented by Ganputram Purshotum and at Ranchardas Kanji's Sadavarat. The orphans of the Lady Northcote Hindu Orphanage gave an ovation at China Bag, while the ladies did it at Anand Bhuwan. The family of Mr. R. B. Mujmudar, Barrister-at-law, garlanted Mr. Dadabhoy at the Girgaum Back Road. After the last named presentation the procession would have moved faster having no further presentations to be received, but they were stopped near the bungalow of Sir Bhalchandra Krishna and a hearty welcome was offered to Mr. Dadabhoy. He was garlanded here too. The heaps of flowers had now filled the motor car completely and there was no room to contain any more if any were given. The motors after a quick run up the hill, along the sea shore with refreshing breeze, reached the Westropp House, the bungalow of Mr. Tulsidas Lalubhai where Mr. Dadabhoy passed his first night in India. A few friends who went as far as the Westropp House left after a light refreshment kindly provided by Mr. Tulsidas.

Mr. Dadabhoy Naoroji goes to Versova this morning and will remain there for two days with his family, returning to Bombay on Monday morning, to live at Marine Lines in the bungalow left at his disposal by Mr. R. D. Tata.

It is particularly requested that Mr. Naoroji be allowed immunity from the attention of his admirers during to-day and to-morrow, which he will spend in the bosom of his family at Varsova. Mr. Naoroji will be pleased to meet his friends on his return to Bombay on Monday, and arrangements may be made through Mr. Wacha at Mr. R. D. Tata's bungalow at Marine Lines.

PILGRIMS' REST-HOUSE.

At a meeting of the managing committee of the Anjuman-i-Islam held on Thursday at the Islam Club, Chowpaty, under the Presidency of Sir Currimbhai Ibrahim, Mr. Haji Usuf Haji Ismail, brought up for consideration the necessity of providing a new rest-house for the pilgrims, coming to Bombay and the need for giving immediate relief to those pilgrims, who had been stranded in Bombay.

Mr. Haji Usuf said that in consequence of the sympathetic advise of Mr. Souter, the question of providing a rest-house for Hajis in Bombay had been under their consideration for the last two months, and the time had now come to give a definite shape to the various proposals made to mitigate the hardships entailed upon the pilgrims in consequence of the absence of adequate and sanitary accommodation in the city. Mr. Mahomed Haji Sabu Sildirk had written to Mr. Souter signifying his intention to give one lakh of rupees to build a rest-house and he (the speaker) and his brother were ready to give seventy-five thousand rupees from the Trust Fund of a Memon gentleman, whose trustees they were, towards the same object. Mr. Sardar Ali had also promised ten thousand rupees under a certain condition, that the rest-house might be named after Lord Minto. He proposed that the matter be referred to an influential committee named by him with a view to formulate definite proposals on the subject and to give effect to the same.

Mr. Kazi Kabiruddin observed that it was necessary to approach the Government with a request to grant them a free site for the building of a rest-house in some convenient and healthy locality. They should also take steps to enable the Hajis to proceed on their pilgrimage to Mecca by providing them with funds, if necessary. If this course involved a prohibitive expense, the idea might be abandoned, and they should be provided with return-ticket to their home.

The Hon'ble Mr. Ibrahim pointed out that the responsibility they were under taking was very great and the chances of getting funds for the object suggested by Mr. Kazi Kabiruddin were uncertain. It was not wise to commit themselves to anything without feeling their way. It was no use deluding anybody with hopes which they were not able to fulfil. Besides a proposal for a rest-house had already been before a committee organized by Mr. Sardar Ali, and it was not advisable to appoint two committees for one and the same object. They must avoid a conflict with the committee already existing. It was a large problem and they must all combine and try to solve it satisfactorily, but they must wait and see how matters turned out.

Mr. Kazi Kabir ud din suggested that they should seek the co-operation of the Government and the Police Commissioner, Mr. Gell in the matter.

Mr. Ibrahim said that they would do well to wait pending the result of Mr. Sardar Ali's movement.

It was then resolved to postpone the consideration of the matter.

A Swiss officer, accompanied by some soldiers returning from a march, arrived at night at a village near Basle, the *Chronicle* states, and asked the mayor to billet his men in the village. The mayor suspiciously examined the officer's credentials, and even his uniform, then flatly refused to concede to the demand, adding, "You cannot make a fool of me like the Mayor of Kopenick."

An Australian M. P. advises candidates for Parliament to be seen as often as possible among the mourners in the constituences they are courting. "It shows the domestic—the family—feeling strong ; it denotes an observance of religious conventions, and it is taken as proof of a loyal heart, a heart that beats for an old acquaintance even in dust. At one contest I attended, on an average, two funerals a day every day of the last week, and the polling was my top score."

Pure blood means the skin clear, smooth, healthy.

Impure blood blotches the skin with pimples, sores, boils, eczema, eruptions. Mr. G. W. Burtner, Keezletown, Va., tells of the bad condition he was in, and how he was cured by

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

"Shortly after leaving college, I was troubled with a skin disease which showed itself first at the ankles. Physicians pronounced it eczema, and treated me for that

complaint. The eruption crept slowly up my limbs, and on the body, until it enveloped the whole frame. It gave me infinite trouble, with constant itching, casting off of dry scales, and a watery liquid which would exude from under the scales. I treated it for over three years unsuccessfully, and was unable to check it until I began using Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I used three bottles of this medicine, and was completely cured—my skin becoming as smooth and clear as before."

There are many imitation Sarsaparillas. Be sure you get "AYER'S."

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass., U. S. A.

SPORTING NEWS.

RAWALPINDI RACES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RAWALPINDI, DECEMBER 14.

The Races started to-day with a moderate attendance. All the races were for stakes of Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third.

There were only two book-makers, one in the first enclosure and one in the second. The fields ruled small except in three races, in which the favourites won.

Novice Arabs.—5 furlongs.

Captain Cardin's Bulbul, 10st. 3lbs.....Captain
W. William's Lohengrin, 10st. 6lbs. .....O'Connor 2
W. Kennedy's Hoosainee, 11st. 1lb. .....Barrett 3
Also ran.—Rupert 10st 12lbs.

The Race.—Bulbul took the lead followed by Cohengrin with Rupert lying last. Bulbul kept the lead and won by a short head Hoosainee making a bad third.—Time 1 min 12 secs.

Betting.—Evens Bulbul, and 3 to 1 Lohengrin.

The Totalisator paid Rs. 6.

Open Plate.

Maidens—English and Australian Rs. 141 with penalties and allowances.

Distant one mile.

Capt Toogoods' Maranta 10st 6lbs..... Owner 1
Capt Compiar's Pride II 9st 3lbs..... Owner 2
McSmith and Captain Winter's Arina 10st 5lbs, Captain Winter 3

Also ran.—Dollar 10st 11lbs : Lucky Bill 9st and May Queen 7st 7lbs.

The Race.—Arina forced the pace followed by Pride II with the rest close up. At the bend Arina gave place to Maranta who took the lead and won by one length from Pride, who outstayed Arina who was a bad third.—Time 1m. 58 secs.

Betting.—2 to 1 on Maranta ; 2 to 1 Arina and 20 to 1 Pride.

The Totalisator paid Rs. 4.

May Queen was left at the post.

Steeple Chase.

Odds for Arabs and Country-breds, raised one stone with penalties and allowances. Distance about 2 1/2 miles.

Mr Gibb's The Marquis 10st 4lbs..... Owner 1
Mr Fraser's Diablo 10st 13lbs (carried 10st 12lbs)..... Owner 2
Captain Price's Monte 10st 10lbs (carried 10st 12lbs) ..... Owner 3

The Race.—Diablo took the lead followed by Marquis and kept it until the last jump, when Marquis came away and won by three lengths, Monte making a bad third. Time—5min 8 1/5secs.

Betting.—6 to 4 on Marquis ; Evens Diablo and 8 to 2 Monte.

The Totalisator paid Rs. 4

Maiden Plate.

For C B Ponies 14-1 and under unconditionally the property of Officers of H M S-14st 11b to carry 12 stones. Distance—5 furlongs.

Mr Butler's The Butler 11st 3lbs .....Mr Lloyd 1
Capt Winter's Chenei 10st.....Capt Winter 2
Colonel Delamain Damosel 10st 11lbs .....Capt Campion 3

The Butler won by half a length with five lengths between the second and third.

Betting —5 to 1 on The Butler with longer odds on the others.

The Race.—Chenei led from the start, but was caught at the distant post when The Butler came away and won. Time—1min 10secs.

The Desert Plate.

For Arabs 11st 11lb and others, with penalties and allowances. Distance—6 furlongs.

Capt Winter's b a p Whirlwind 8st 9lbs.....Owner 1
Mr William's b a g Sabu Sildirk 10st 4lbs.....Owner 2
Mr Sydney Smith's b a h Palmy Days 8st 6lb Barrett 3

Also ran.—Malabar 9st 8lbs. Monib Pasha 9st. 4lbs., Marsh 10st. 9lbs. ; Paladin, 9st. 8lbs. ; Lordling, 9st. 9lbs. ; Discount 9st. 11lbs. ; and High Flag 9st. 7lbs.

The Race.—Pasha led out followed by High Flag and Palmy Days. At the distant post Whirlwind drew up and won a great race by a head, there being two lengths between the second and third. Time—1min 25 secs.

Betting.—2 to 1 Pasha, 3 to 1 Whirlwind, and 4 to 1 Palmy Days.

Novice Plate.

For C. B. Ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a race of the value of Rs. 50 or over.

Distance 1/2 mile.

Mr White's Ailea Craig 11st.....Capt Campion 1
Mr Evan's Praps 10st 9lbs.....Owner 2
Mr Douglas' Artful 9st 11lbs.....Barrett 3

Also ran.—Adjusting Scores 11st ; Challenger 11st ; Dorgen 11st Lodester 10st 11lbs ; Blackrock 10st 2lbs and Mendicant 8st 12lbs ; Time 55 1/5 secs.

Betting.—Evens Ailea Craig ; 2 to 1 Praps and 3 to 1 Artful.

The Race.—Praps was prominent in a good start closely followed by Artful but at the distant post Ailea Craig came up and staying on won easily by three quarters of a length.

A Match—Rs 50 a side.

Mr Kennedy's C. B. Analina 8st 4lbs.....Barrett 1
Mr Chaplin's Lady Virginia 8st 4lbs..... 2

Distance—4 furlongs.

Betting—7 to 1 on Adalina.

The Race—Run in the dark, Lady Virginia led for the first two furlongs when Adalina came away and secured an easy victory by a length.

Time—Not taken.

POONA BOXING TOURNAMENT.

Concluding Night.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DECEMBER 14.

The Argylls' Boxing Tournament concluded last night with the distribution of prizes by General Richardson who briefly addressed the Regiment and congratulated them on the fine spirit they had always shown in Poona on such occasions, and heped they would conduct themselves in a similar manner in South Africa. The following are the results.

Middle Weight Final.—Pte. Curran *vs.* Pte. Lamb.

The Judges could arrive at no decision. After three rounds were fought and only after an extra round, they gave Curran the verdict.

Light Weights Final.—Pte Henderson *vs.* Pte Stevens.

This was a great fight all through, and Henderson having had the better of it in the first two rounds won.

Six Rounds Contest.—Pte Macleod *vs.* Pte Bridges.

They lasted out full the course, fighting spiritedly and with conspicious science and Bridges won in the end by a very narrow margin.

BOYS.

Three Round Contest.—Boy Campbell *vs.* Boy Smith.

Smith won after a really excellent fight in which Campbell who is smaller of the two shaped decidedly well.

Ten Round Contest.—Pte Bielly of the Argylls *vs.* Pte Mc'Cartney of the Connaught Rangers.

This was the great fight of the tournament and for a big purse. The first two rounds made honors easy for both, but in the third Mc'Cartney persisted in Clinching. Though frequently warned by the Referee. Mc'Cartney made the fight intolerable and Captain Umfreville had no option but to stop it and disqualify him. It was a great fight up till this moment.

Feather Weights Final.—Pte Bell *vs.* Pte Mackin.

Bell was floored three times in the second round and again in the third round, but he was just regaining his legs to stand up and fight on when he was counted out.

Six Round Contest—Pte Evens of the Royal Scots *vs.* Pte Cameron of the Argylls.

Evens it will be remembered fought only last year in the big tournament as a boy, when he was awarded a special prize for science. On this occasion he had little difficulty in desposing of Cameron. He had him out with a smart undercut in the second round.

Heavy Weights Final—Pte. Laird *vs* Pte Bell.

In the first round Laird cought Bell on the ribs and finished him.

The following were awarded prizes as the best losers :

Feather weights—Pte Galbraith.
Light Weights Pte Grady.
Middle Weignt—Pte Miller.
Heavy Weight—Lance Corpl White

CALCUTTA POLO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 14.

The following are the teams entered for Championship Polo Tournament which opens here on the 26th instant :—Royal Lancers, the Mysore Durbar, the Magphies the Calcutta Polo Club two teams, Pilgrims ; the first named are visiting teams the other three local ones. The Agra-Durbar Tournament which has drawn nearly all best teams in country has practically destroyed the character of what should have been in all respects as well as in name the championship tournament of India.

NOVICES' CUP TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 14.

The Semi-Finals in the Novices' Cup Polo Tournament was played at Guindy yesterday afternoon. Their Excellencies Sir Arthur and Lady Lawley drove over from Madras to see the Government House Team played. The Madras Gymkhana Club was "At Home" during the afternoon. The first match between the 13th Hussars (who on Monday defeated Rajah Venugopaul's Team) and the 30th Lancers (Gordon's Horse) was fast and well-contested all through, there being little or nothing to choose between the two teams. The play, at times, was most exciting, the closeness of scores leaving the result in doubt until the end of the play.

Result :—30th Lancers, 4 goals and 2 subsidiaries.

13th Hussars, 3 goals with 2 subsidiaries.

In the second match between the Government House team and the R. A. and R. E. team from Bangalore, both of which were a drawn bye in the first round. Play was not nearly so interesting, as in the first for Government House obtained a commanding lead almost from the start.

Result :—Government House, 5 goals with 1 subsidiary.

Bangalore, 2 goals and 3 subsidiaries.

CALCUTTA RACES.

Horses Left in for To-Day's Events.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 14.

The following are the horses with their weights left in for the principal races to-morrow :—

Mr. Wallesley Plate, distance one and a quarter miles :—Chreson 9st. 10lbs. ; The Master 9st. 7lbs. ; Singalee 9st. 7lbs. ; Blitzen 9st. 6lbs. ; Our Stan 9st. 1lb. ; Clear Artist 9st. ; Mallard 8st. 10lbs. ; Ireavar 8st. 10lbs ; Reauners 7st. 10lbs. ; Black Duke 7st. 1lbs. ; Saloon 6st. 10lbs.

The Fort Plate five furlongs:—Manlock 9st 10lbs ; Airlocke 9s 3lbs ; Killiewan 9st 1lb ; Rather Rakish 8st 10lbs ; Nirwansh 8st 10lbs ; Presbyterian 8st 10lbs ; Nirvana 8st 10lbs ; Bottia 8st 7lbs Lady Metal 8st 10lbs ; Projecture 8st 7lbs ; Mallinyook 8st 4lbs ; Palindeome 8st 4lbs, Jully Abbott 7st 12lbs Eclipse 7st 8lbs ; Saloon 6st 10lbs.

The Cornwalis Plate, one and half mile :—Rallarb 10st 4lbs ; Sainte Marquise 10st ; Rasamili 9st 10lbs ; Seda 9st 5lbs ; Applause 9st 6lbs ; Riverside 9st 4lbs ; Roquet 9st 2lbs ; Nakour 8st 13lbs, Bundook 8st 10lbs ; Lord Boyne 8st 7lbs ; Goldstamp 8st 7lbs ; Insurrection 8st 5lbs, Rafugeban 8st 1lb ; Kingpin 7st 8lbs ; Judgeyroger 9st 4lbs ; Colina 6st 7lbs.

BOMBAY 1st EXTRA MEETING.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5.

TIME AND ORDER OF RUNNING.

1st Race—The Pony Plate, 2-30 p m
2nd Race—The Novice Plate, 3-30 p m
3rd Race—The Arab Pony Plate, 4-20 p m
4th Race—The December Plate, 4-50 p m
5th Race—The Arab Plate, 5-28 p m
6th Race—The Old Year Plate, 6-40 p m

By kind permission of Lt. Col S G Sargant and the Officers of the G I P Railway Volunteers their Band will play during the afternoon.

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Colaba ... . 2-30 p m
Church Gate ... ... 2-39 p m (E)
Grant Road ... ... 3-1 p m (E)
Arrives at Mahalaxmi ... ... 3-5 p m

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BOMBAY YACHT CLUB RACES.

The following Races will sail to-day :—

A Class Handicap Race—Start at 3 p.m.

Names of Boats.	Time All'ces. M S	Entered by
Sapphire	9 30	Mr R H H Hopkins and Capt Muter, R E
Eileen	Scr	Mr N N Wadia
Turquoise..	11 30	Mr F J Preston
Iona	24 30	Mr J L Glover
Melody	14 0	Mr J B K Macbeth

Course No 7=10·6 miles—Time-limit—6-15 p.m.

B Class Handicap Race—Start at 3-30 p.m.

Names of Boats.	Time All'ces. M S	Entered by
Pixie	Scr	Mr J B Aspinwell
Trixie	2 30	Mr R E Monteath
Sayonara	9 0	Mr A Erikson and Mr A L Whittell

Course No 4=7·1 miles—Time-limit 6-15 p.m.

Tomtit Class and Small Boat Handicap Race—Start at 3-45 p.m.

Names of Boats.	Time All'ces. M S	Entered by
Meg.....	Scr	Mr C H Byrne
Tomtit	Scr	Mr J O Brooke.
Lapwing	4 0	Capt Gillespie, R E
Maud	8 0	Officers, R E
Midget	7 30	Officers, R A
Jean	9 30	Mr A O H MacLeany
Clutna	4 0	Mr J J Welch
Coralie	7 30	Mr J G S Metcalfe

Course No 2 Reversed=5·7 miles—Time-limit 6-15 p.m.

D Class Handicap Race—Start at 3-15 p.m.

Name of Boats.	Time All'ces.	Entered by
Swin.....	17 45	Mr O G S M Defries
Swail	24 0	do
Invicta	24 30	do
Ranso	Scr	Capt W E Potts

Course No 4=7·1 miles—Time-limit 6-15 p.m.

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(CONTINUED.)

Sir Raymond West recalled the similar problem that had arisen 300 years ago when James the VI. of Scotland became James the 1st of England, and the question arose, were the subjects of the King of Scotland "British subjects." Sir Raymond developed this point with great lucidity and force and he was loudly applauded throughout and at the close of the speech. On Sir Muncherji Bhownaggree insisting on Sir George Birdwood speaking he declared Sir Muncherji's speech to be the one after his own heart. He had listened with admiration to Sir Raymond West's most interesting speech which certainly indicated one way of solving the problem before them ; and he perfectly appreciated the reticences imposed on Lord Reay, but the speech his heart responded to at once was Sir Muncherji's. It was monstrous confounding British Indians in South Africa with the Kaffir races, natives of the place. The Parsis and Hindus, and the Shiah Mahomedans were Aryars like ourselves, and they had each developed a literature and religion, and arts of their own, and an historical personality which had in the case of the Parsis and Hindus survived the shocks of 3,000 years of political vicissitudes. But the grave point was this, there was no people possessed by a stronger pride of race than the Hindus, "Not even the Scotch," shouted Sir George turning on Reay, and no race more justified in its pride, "not even the Scotch" again shouted Sir George at Lord Reay, and the degradations put upon the British Indians in South Africa were an insult to every Hindu and every Muslim, and every Parsi in India and if these outrageous "ordinances" were persisted with, it would strain the loyalty of our Indian fellow subjects to the breaking point. There must be no dallying with the matter, and the "ordinances" must be revoked, and he hoped this would be by the free act of the Dutch and English in South Africa, and before they had enjoyed a dozen years of self-government. Messrs. Ghandi and Ally were congratulated by all present on the ability and tact with which they had carried their mission, and assured of the warm welcome which would await them ; then they returned to their country to celebrate the crowning success of their disinterested and patriotic endeavours to secure the freedom of their fellow countrymen in South Africa as not only "subjects of King Edward VII. but British subjects." With reference to what Sir George says about Parsis, Hindus and Shiah Mohammedans, the Rev. Edgar Shepherd's "Life of George, Duke of Cambridge ; which has just appeared, contains the following letter addressed by Queen Victoria to the Duke in 1887, the Jubilee Year :—

I hope you will strongly condemn the disgraceful habit of speaking of the "black man," which is as wrong as it is untrue. The East Indians are of the same origin as we ourselves, and have quite the same features as we have.' I have now had for nearly six months two Indians constantly about me, attending to me in my room and helping me in many ways, and I never saw better servants of more amiable, more high, and well-bred people, or more attentive, intelligent, and devoted in their service. Many who have been in India will tell you the same, and it is disgraceful to think how shamefully they are often used by young Englishmen, officers and civilians

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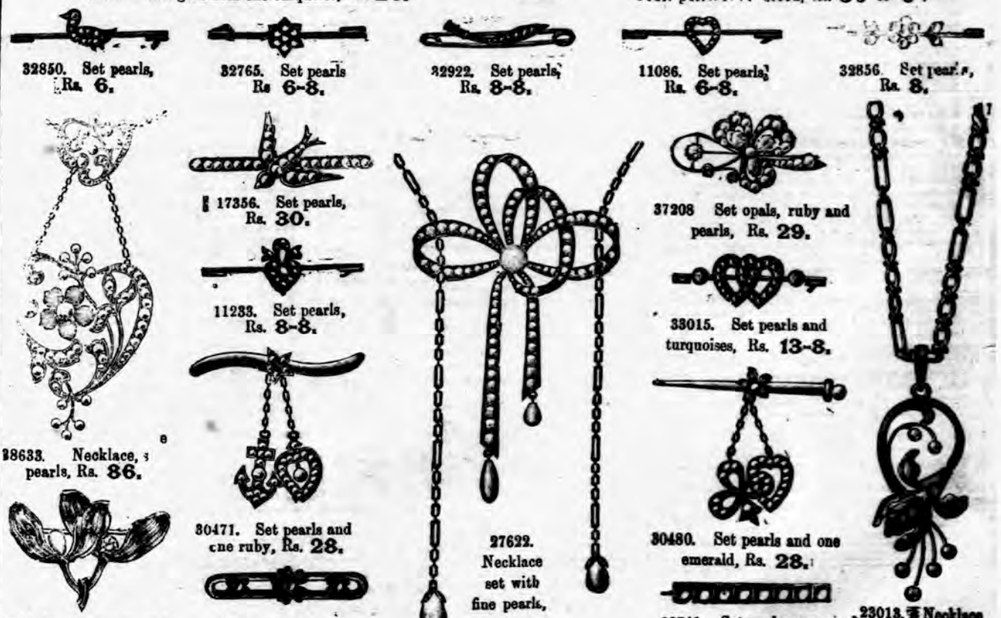

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THE SITUATION IN EUROPE.

Russia.

THE *Times* on Saturday printed the following telegram :—

St. Petersburg, Nov. 23.—The reactionary threats of *pogroms* if concessions are granted to the Jews are treated by the Government with contempt. M. Stolypin has forbidden the police to expel Jewish students from St. Petersburg, and the promulgation of a Ukase abolishing certain restrictions against Jews may soon be expected.

The same correspondent telegraphed on Nov. 25 :—

The *Novoe Vremya* publishes a violent Anti-Semitic article claiming that enormous sums have been collected abroad to finance a regular Jewish revolution in case the Duma fails to obtain complete equality for the Jews in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 25 (Reuter).—The following semi-official note is published here to-day :—" The attempt made by certain sections of society to exercise an anti-Jewish influence upon the Government, which is now dealing with the Jewish question, will not prevent the Government from granting to the Jews those facilities which the present conditions demand. The ultimate solution of the Jewish question must be left to the Duma.

Nov. 25 (*Times*).—In pursuance of the agrarian reform edicts an Imperial Ukase issued to-day amends the law so as to enable peasants to become freeholders of allotments made at the time of the emancipation, the redemption dues on which cease everywhere with the end of the present year. The Government thus accomplishes one of the most vital reforms promised in M. Stolypin's Ministerial declaration. All these reforms must, however, by the provisions contained in the organic laws, be ratified by the Duma.

While there is no reason to apprehend opposition on this point, the prospects of the election of a majority willing to support the present Government grow daily less. The system of repression, unexampled even in the days of Pichve, bids fair to stimulate the strongest opposition. The Ministry which dissolved the Duma and resorts to unmitigated repression cannot apparently find favour with public opinion, whatever reforms it may seek to enact. On the contrary, each step in this direction now appears to aggravate its unpopularity, since each reform Ukase is regarded as an unwarrantable encroachment on the rights of the Legislature. The position of the Ministry is difficult, but its real troubles will not begin before the Duma meets.

A St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Times* says (Nov. 27) that the Imperial Ukase granting to the peasants the right to become owers of their communal allotments is fiercely assailed by the Opposition Press.

It is semi-officially announced that the work of the local agrarian commissions has already had very good results.

According to reports from the provinces, the party of Peaceful Regeneration is developing unexpected strength whereas the Octobrists continue to lose ground.

Nov. 28.—Another important reform is announced by the Government. It deals with the organisation of the Church, which has been found to be too much under bureaucratic control. The new regulations seek to obviate this defect.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 25 (*Times*).—The *Novoe Vremya* continues to criticise the conduct of the Russo-Japanese negotations. It declares that Article XI. of the Portsmouth Treaty is being used to extort a war indemnity under the guise of fishery rights off the Siberian coast.

Nov.—26—In another leading article devoted to Russo-Japanese relations the *Novoe Vremya* remarks that Article VII. of the Portsmouth Treaty, providing that Russia must not use the remaining portion of her railway in Manchuria for "strategic purposes," admits of the widest interpretation, in which the Japanese will not fail to include all military tranports. The *Novoe Vremya*, therefore, welcomes the intention of the Government to proceed to link up Stretensk and Khabarovka, sarcastically adding that insurmountable difficulties which previously existed in regard to laying the Trans-Siberian line along the Amur have now disappeared as if by enchantment. The *Novoe Vremya* tries to find comfort in the thought that the new strategic line will throw open an enormous area for colonisation and mining. It urges the creation of a new base, including Vladivostock, Nikolaievsk, on the Amur, and Petronavlovsk.

MOROCCO AND THE POWERS.

The European representatives at Tangier on Saturday unanimously decided to address a strong Note to the Moorish Foreign Minister at Fez, protesting against Raisuli's actions, and demanding that an end be put to the existing state of affairs at Tangier. Measures of preparation are being taken by the French and Spanish Governments.

Paris, Nov. 26.—The *Temps*, in its diplomatic notes, says that the agreement announced between France and Spain with a view to remedying the present insecurity of Tangier will, immediately after its final ratification, be communicated to the ten other Powers which signed the General Act of the Algeciras Conference. Several of these Powers, the journal says, have already signified the approval of the agreement. It is not expected, therefore, that any objection will be raised to the Franco-Spanish action, which will consist in the landing of about 800 men in all, or, if the situation should require it, of about 1,200 men of each nationality.

It is further stated that the transport *Nive*, attached to the division which is about to leave Toulon, will subsequently proceed to Algeria to pick up a French detachment, probably at Oran. The troops landed in Morocco will in no case act as a force of occupation. They will merely assist the Pasha of Tangier to re-establish his authority, which has been weakened by Raisuli. No French or Spanish flag will be set up over any monument, and the action taken will be merely temporary, and limited to Tangier and its vicinity. If these measures are not necessary, France and Spain will content themselves with keeping their naval divisions off Tangier.

Paris, Nov. 28—The *Times* correspondent telegraphs :—The report published here this morning that the three French men-of-war awaiting orders at Toulon to proceed to Tangier had already started is contradicted. This further postponement is evidently due to the circumstance that the agreement with Spain has not yet been signed. It is hardly to be expected that the Spanish Ministerial crisis will bring any change in the intentions of Spain as regards co-operation with France in case of serious disturbances at Tangier endangering the lives and property of Europeans. As soon as the Franco-Spanish agreement is signed the French Chambers will be invited to ratify the Act of Algeciras. In conversation with some local journalists yesterday, after the Cabinet Council, M. Clemenceau is reported to have said : " We want to be ready for every eventuality, and are adopting precautions not to be taken by surprise, and in ordor that, should disturbances break out, it shall not be foreigners who act in our place and fulfil the duties incumbent on ourselves."

GERMANY'S ATTITUDE.

It is rather unfortunate that at this particular moment the *Cologne Gazette* should publish another telegram from Tangier endeavouring to show that there is no disorder in Morocco. What, for instance, can be the object in publishing the Viceroy's address to the German Consular Agents? The *Echo de Paris* remarks that, even if these telegrams merely express the personal views of the correspondent, they assume a certain importance from the fact of their reappearing in the semi-official *Cologne Gazette*. It adds that it would be interesting to know whether Germany still considers herself bound towards Morocco and still stands behind it, and whether the convocation of the Conference by the Reichstag will modify the situation.

Once more, according to the *Times*, the whole Moroccan question pivots on Harris, its irrepressible correspondent. He telegraphs :—

Tangier, Nov. 27.—Yesterday the Sultan's representatives here officially informed one of the European Legations that tranquility reigned in the Tangier districts and that the supposed anarchy existed solely in the columns of the *Times*. This morning, at daylight, my villa was surprised by 100 armed men of the Anjera tribe, who opened fire upon the forty soldiers who guard the house. The soldiers, aided by my servants, drove off the assailants, who two hours later returned and again attacked the place. The Moorish authorities appeared at a loss what to do and it was more than two hours before reinforcements arrived. The fighting took place in full view of the French and Spanish warships, but no assistance was given or offered.

The *Times* ought to send out a fleet of its own to protect its correspondent if his own forces on the spot are insufficient.

Austria-Hungary.—The session of the Austro-Hungarian Delegations was opened on Nov. 25 at Buda-Pesth. His Majesty received, first, the Austrian and afterwards the Hungarian Delegation in the Throne Room of Buda Palace, and after returning their loyal greeting, read the following speech :—

" During the few months that have elapsed since the last meeting of the delegations no essential change has taken place in the political situation. Our policy will henceforth, as hitherto, be guided by the intimate relationship to our allies, the constant agreement with the Russian Empire in the affairs of the Near East, and the cultivation of thoroughly friendly relations with all other powers. Herein our constant object is to maintain peace while fully protecting the interests of the Monarchy."

The Vienna Correspondent of the *Times* says : The most interesting feature of the opening of the Delegations at Buda-Pesth concerned, not the Delegations themselves, but the prospects of franchise reform in Austria. The Upper Chamber of the Reichsrath is about to examine the Universal suffrage Bill, and a considerable number of Austrian peers have been showing a disposition to amend it by introducing plural voting or some other restrictive expedient. After the speech from the Throne had been read, the Emperor conversed as usual with the Austrian Delegates, and not only took occasion to praise and encourage the supporters of the Bill but expressed to them the hope that the Upper Chamber would not modify it nor otherwise delay its passage. To some representatives of the Upper Chamber His Majesty is understood to have made no secret of his displeasure at their attitude and to have deprecated all attempts to introduce plurality or any similar device. In these circumstances it is considered probable that the Upper Chamber will abandon its opposition and that the Bill will now pass without further hindrance.

At a meeting of the agricultural association of Bekesar, in Hungary, Count Wenckheim proposed that, should the farm labourers carry out their threat to strike in February, fifteen or twenty thousand Chinese coolies should be imported. The proposal was adopted.

FRANCE.

A significant demonstration of the democratic spirit prevailing in the present Chamber was made on November 23 by 397 Deputies out of 513. They accepted urgency for a proposal by M. Zevaes, a Socialist, to render the function of representative of the people incompatible with membership of any board of directors of an industrial or financial company. This proposal, which, if it became law would affect a large number of members of the Republican Centre and the Right, was referred to the Committee on Universal Suffrage. This demonstration of the Extreme Left was not allowed to pass, however, without a report from the Right. MM. Millevoye and Georges Berry proposed a parallel measure excluding from membership of the French Chamber all persons fulfilling administrative or judicial duties for which they received public money. If these two measures became law, there would be such a weeding out of the Chamber that a fresh general election would be required.

The official *communiques* issued by the Ministry of the Interior sum up the work done by the registration officials, who on Nov. 24 had completed the church inventories in the departments of Finistere, La Vendee, Deux Sevres, La Manche, Doubs, Haute Loire, Gard, Tarn, and Nord. Inventories still remain to be taken in the departments of Ardeche, Lozere, and Aveyron. There was a marked decline in the vigour, not to say violence, of the resistance offered to the officials. The serious disturbances apprehended in Haute Loire did not occur.

The Abbe Camerlynck of Wasquehal has been sentenced at Lille to a fortnight's imprisonment for striking a commissary, with aout the remission of punishment usually granted to first offenders.

In the Chamber in Paris, yesterday, M. Pichon, Minister for Foreign Affairs, made a statement with regard to the policy of the Government as to Morocco. He said that the measures decided on by the Government were only measures of precaution, and, having been settled in principle in agreement with the Spanish Government the departure of French men-of-war for Tangier would take place to-day. At his suggestion the debate on M. Jaures's interpellation on the question was postponed till next Thursday, when the Act of Algeeiras will be submitted for ratification.

The Tangier correspondent of the *Times* says it is reported from Fez that the Sultan has ordered immediate preparations to be made for his departure from that city.

The entire French colony in Tangier, at a meeting yesterday, resolved to demand effective action for their security from the French Legation.

BELGIUM AND THE CONGO STATE.

The debate on the administration of the Congo State was opened on Nov. 26 in the Chamber in Brussels, and is expected to continue for several days. Count Smet de Nayer, the Premier, read a long statement on behalf of the Government, defining their attitude and indicating annexation of the Congo State by the Belgium as the solution to which they ultimately looked, while dwelling on the work of development and civilisation which, the speaker insisted, had already been achieved. M. Hymans (Liberal) brought forward an interpellation in place of M. Vandervelde (socialist) who is ill, and offered some criticisms on the Ministerial statement. The debate was eventually adjourned.

SERVIA.

The *Prager Abendblatt*, the semi-official journal of the Governor of Bohemia, states that a number of leading military and political personages in Belgrade have resolved to take serious action to depose the Karageorgevitch dynasty, and, after creating a temporary Regency, to seek among the royal families of Europe a prince willing to ascend the Servian throne. Owing to the official connection of the *Abendblatt*, the statement causes a sensation in Prague.

Belgrade, November 24th (Reuter,—M. Pasics, the Premier, replying to an interpellation of the Progressist Deputy, M. Marinkovics, regarding the general political situation, declared that the Government saw no necessity for King Peter to pay visits to foreign Courts. Servia's relations with all the Powers were very friendly except for the economic conflict with Austria-Hungary. She would successfully emancipate herself from Austria's influence over her internal politics, and would find other resources. The conspirators question had ceased to exist, and relations with Great Britain had been renewed.

THE LATEST FROM HOME.

[SPECIALLY PREPARED BUDGET.]
LONDON, NOVEMBER 30.

DR. WARRE HONOURED.

LORD ELGIN'S TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT HEADMASTER.

"Floreat Etona." With those two magic words Dr. Warre, the famous ex-headmaster, finished his eloquent speech in the Upper School at Eton to-day, and a scene of enthusiasm followed which has seldom if ever been witnessed in the long history of the school.

"Three cheers for Dr. Warre," shouted Lord Harris, and young, middle aged, and grey-haired old Etonians sprang to their feet and cheered themselves hoarse as Dr. Waree brushed the tears from his eyes.

The occasion was the presentation of the school testimonial to Dr. Warre, and among those who were present to do honour to the ex-headmaster were Prince Alexander of Teck, Lord Elgin, Lord Onslow, Lord Dartmouth, Viscount Cobham, Lord Bristol, Lord Sanderson and Lord Cheylesmore.

The parting gifts consisted of a cheque for £145—the balance of the subscription fund—a large gilt-framed portrait of Dr. Warre in his headmaster's gown by Mr. Sargeant; a silver replica of the Ladies Plate (Henley) in token of his interest in rowing; and a beautifully illuminated address, framed in the lid of a carved oak casket, enclosing a satin-bound album containing the signatures of about 1,400 old Etonians.

Lord Elgin in making the presentations said that when they heard the critic of Eton describe it as a place full of neglect and slackness, and the result some well-dressed, but empty-headed loafers, their first thought was of Dr. Warre's well known figure full of life and energy—a life and energy that were infectious—and of his cheerful and encouraging sympathy.

Dr. Warre, who was greatly touched by the enthusiasm shown said that that day would be one of the great remembrances in the few that remained to him. "Every day," he said, "will always go up my prayers and best wishes that Eton may in years to come, even more than it has in the years past, fulfil that desire of our hearts, 'Floreat Etona.'"

Afterwards, most of the old boys witnessed the time-honoured wall game.

AT A SPIRITU LIS IC SEANCE.

MEDIUM'S EVIDENCE IN DISPUTED WILL CASE.

There was another large attendance of mediums and ordinary spiritualists in the Probate Court to-day when the hearing of the Day will case was resumed.

Probate of the will of the late Mrs. Octavia Day, of West Kensington, is being opposed on the ground that she had delusions about ghosts, and starved herself in accordance with spiritualistic principles.

One of the alleged delusions on which the opponents of the will lay especial stress is that Mrs. Day's brother Septimus, "from the artist's plane" guided her pen so that it "moved angrily," and drew a picture of a tombstone, and wrote the words "We are seven."

Mrs. Day's association with spirits and spiritualists, it is said, caused her to make uniformed accusations against her relatives.

Miss Beatrice Rice, the first witness called to-day said that Mrs. Day's manner changed after her husband's death. She had been of cheerful nature before. She had told witness that she had been compelled to leave her house because it was full of evil spirits that prevented her sleeping. She also said that she had consulted a palmist, who told her that she would live to seventy and many again.

Mr. Arthur William White, professor of psychological medicine, said it was consistent that a person suffering from insane delusions should be able to manage his own affairs and appear to be in full possession of his senses.

Mrs. Louise Atkin, a medium, then gave evidence. Her real name is Hawkins, but she said she practised as a medium under the name of Atkins.

The witness held spiritualistic seances at her own house. She knew that the deceased had made the will in dispute, but she did not know she had left her £300.

There is a suggestion that you starved her. Did you?—No.

Did you wish to starve her, and did you exercise any influence over her not to eat?—No, in no way. I would rather she had lived, for she had been a very kind friend to me and my husband.

Did you ill-treat her in any way?—No; never.

Cross-examined: At one clairvoyance seance I gave a description of her husband, which she said was very good. There was no message. A private seance was held for the purpose of developing her own powers.

What happened?—she used to hold my hand. Sometimes she saw very little things; sometimes she saw clouds; and once she saw my own daughter. She said she saw a beautiful form, and she described my daughter.

The jury pronounced in favour of the will.

THE LOVE OF MRS HELMORE

SEARCHING CROSS-EXAMINATION.

THE JUDGE PUZZLED.

Mrs. Helmore gave evidence to-day in the Divorce Court, and told Mr. Justice Bargrave Deane and the jury all about her platonic friendship with Mr. Edward Sinclair Cox Sinclair, the barrister correspondent.

Her husband Mr. William Reynolds Helmore, a London solicitor, has declared that there was more than platonic affection between his wife and his old friend.

Mrs. Helmore were a costume of dark blue, trimmed with white lace. She was provided with a glass of water. As she stood in the witness-box she seemed perfectly composed, and her answers to counsel were distinct.

She was asked by Mr. Shearman, K. C., about her statement to a governess that the would make Mr. Sinclair fond of her. This, she replied, was in play. It was true that she had taken long walks with Mr. Sinclair, about a dozen, times. She could not remember whether she had been to the opera with him alone.

Mr. Shearman; Is it true that at any time you committed misconduct with him?—It is absolutely false.

Is it true that you were on terms of great intimacy with him:—Yes, to the knowledge of my husband and everybody in the house.

Did Mr. Sinclair put a shawl over you and kiss you?—Mr. Sinclair has often put a shawl over me.

Having put a shawl over you did he kiss you?—No. Did he ever caress you?—No.

A question was put about the occasion when it is alleged Mrs. Helmore threw herself down on the ground and declared that she loved Mr. Helmore. She denied this. Her husband laughed at her, and was very irritating, she said.

Coming to the time when Mrs. Helmore, having lost her husband's confidence, was being watched at Brighton, Mr Shearman asked whether Mr Sinclair had kissed her there.

She admitted that he had,

Mr. Shearman: You were very misafable, and you told him so?—Yes.

If that was an impropriety was there any other impropriety—No.

KISSED ON HER BIRTHDAY.

The Judge: When did the kissing part begin?—I kissed him once on his birthday.

Mrs. Helmore added that the kissing was on the forehead.

Counsel: Is it true that once when you were out for a walk with him he repeatedly kissed you?—No.

Might the first kissing have taken place at Hampstead?—No.

Then it was at Hayward's Heath?—I don't know.

The girl Pearson says that before you went to Devonshire she saw him kiss you. Is that untrue?—Yes.

Do you swear that the whole of the girl's story is untrue?—I am not going to swear.

The detective says that once for five minutes you were kissing and embracing Mr. Sinclair. Is that true—No.

The witness added that she went to her husband's house, and was told to go away.

Then she rang again, and was again told to go away.

Mr. Barnard, K. C. cross-examining; When did you first know that Mr. Sinclair fell in love with you the first time he saw you?—I don't know.

Mr. Sinclair says in a letter, "I have loved her from the first time I saw her, and always shall"—I always knew he was fond of me,

Not Fondness—love. When did you know he loved you?—He always did.

When did you know that he had loved you from the first? Can't you give me any idea?—No, I can't.

Did you tell your husband that this man who came to the house and was supposed to be his friend was in love with you?—No,

When were you first in love with Mr. Sinclair?—I was always fond of him.

Do you draw a distinction between love and fondness?—No.

In answer to another question, Mrs. Uelmore said that she had lunched with Mr. Sinclair when they were out for a walk. She had previously said that she had not lunched alone with him.

The Judge: Why did you tell us what was not true?—I don't know.

Mr. Barnard: When did Mr, Sinclair first kiss you?—I don't know,

Has Mr. Cox Sinclair ever kissed you in your bedroom?—No.

Did you tell O'Donnell that you could not live without him, and did you throw yourself down upon the floor?—No.

A PET NAME.

How did Mr. Cox Sinclair address you?—By the name my children called me,

What was that?—"Mother Pim."

Did he ever call you by your Christian name?—No,

His Lordship: Did he ever call you "dear girl" before your husband?—I don't remember.

The children cried because they thought she was unhappy and not because they thought she was leaving them,

Mr. Barnard: Did you tell your husband that you loved Mr. Cox Sinclair?—Yes.

Did you say you would lead him a hell of a life?—No,

Did you say that he might have your body, but your spirit was with Mr, Cox Sinclair?—I did, When Mr, Cex Sinclair left I said, "My body is here, but my soul is with him."

His Lordship: Why did you say that? Was it true?—I was very unhappy.

But was it true at that time or said for any purpose?—I don't know why I said it.

Did you threaten to go away with the co-respondent?—No.

Do you know that Mr, Cox Sinclair refused to sign any limitation or arrangement and was that not the reason why your husband assaulted him—No,

"He was a very old dear friend," was the lady's explanation for crying over the co-respondent's departure

But if it was to restore peace to the home, was it not better that he should go?—It was not to restore peace.

THE JUDGE PUZZLED.

The Judge: I cannot understand it at all.

The co-respondent then entered the box, and in answer to Mr. Murphy said he first saw the respondent when she was a child at Ramsgate! He was introduced to her very shortly after her marriage. "I always loved the respondent, ever since I first saw her" was the co-respondent's declaration regarding his feelings towards Mrs Helmore, and other people looked upon him as a brother,

The petitioner was fully aware that the witness took Mrs Helmore for long walks. In fact, sometimes the husband used to say "I hope you will have a pleasant day." Mr. Helmore had met him in the respondent's room about half a dozen times.

Mr. Murphy; And did he ever complain until these proceedings were started.

The witness: Certainly not,

Mrs Helmore has kissed him three times on the fore head.

Was there any secreay about it?—No.

He had kissed her in Devonshire in 1902, after a "beautiful holiday." There was no foundation for the suggestion that he had been guilty of impropriety.

The hearing was adjourned till Tuesday.

CANADA'S GREAT FUTURE.

STIRRING SPEECH BY EARL GREY.

ALADDIN'S CAVE IN THE DOMINION.

Earl Grey, the Governor-General of Canada, replying to the toast of his health proposed at a banquet given in his honour by the Canadian Club last night, referred to his recent trip from St. John's to Vancouver, and asked: "What is the development lying within the womb of these great, rich, and fertile lands, nearly every inch of which is suitable for happy English homes? Why miss that? It is only a question of time before you, if united and incorruptible, become the most powerful factor in the English-speaking world. The varied and extensive character of your material resources indicates that Aladdin located his treasure cave in every part of Canada."

His Excellency congratulated them on the proved existence at Cobalt of large deposits of some of the richest silver ore in the world of which no one was yet in a position to say how far the depth and area extended. But he warned them against unscrupulous company promoters and warned the people of Canada, New York, and London, before purchasing stocks, carefully to discriminate between mere prospectus mined proved mines, least they found themselves owners only of surface rock and trees. If said Earl Grey, the growth of the population of Canada kept at the present pace, it was only a question of time before the farmers of the Dominion looked to the Orient as the market for their produce. Although Canada possessed the natural trade route between Europe and the East, her exports last year amounted to only one per cent. of those from the United States.

"I believe" continued the Governor-General, "that an abundance of capital is ready to develop Canadian resources if labour is obtainable. If railways are to be built quickly and lands cleared, the question of cheap labour calls for attention. His Excellency dwelt on the duty to maintain a pure incotruptible judiciary, and to maintain a clean administration.

Referring to the talk of the possible absorption of Canada by the United States, Lord Grey said! "Are you going to lose your individuallity? A thousand times No!! Shame even to speak of such a thing. The growth and development of your nationality brings strength and security to England and the Empire." Touching the defence question, His Excellency said that it was true that the Naval burden did not weigh on Canada. "The reason why you are able to developed your nationality," he continued, "is because you are safe-within the protecting circle of the Crown. The people of the United Kingdom know that when the appointed time arrives you will assume your imperial obligations. This feeling of self-respect will produce a system of Imperial federation, in which the self-governing peoples of Great Britain, Canada, Australasia, and South Africa will join in equal partnership, to discharge their Imperial responsibilities and their Imperial obligations."—Reuter.

PRINCE OF WALES AND TRADE.

LIVERPOOL'S NEW COTTON EXCHNGE.

In making a tour of the new Cotton Exchange building at Liverpool to-day, the Prince of Wales was particularly interested to learn that it is possible to telegraph from the floor of the Exchange to New York and receive a reply within three minutes. Equally interesting both to the Prince and Princess of Wales—who accompanied him—was the exhibition in one of the rooms of 56 distinct samples of cotton grown within the British Empire. This the most complete collection of the kind yet made.

The new Exchange, built by the Liverpool Cotton Association at a cost of £350,000, contains a palatial hall, surrounded by galleries which are supported by 74 columns of Norwegian royal pearl granite, each pillar being a single block. Two hundred blocks had to be quarried before the necessary number of perfect monoliths could be obtained. The 120 clocks in the building are all worked by a single pendulum controlling an electric current, which sends out half-minute impulsations.

Nearly 3,000 representatives of the cotton trade of Lancashire and of the shipping and other interests of Liverpool were present at the opening ceremony. The Prince and Princess drove into Liverpool from Knowsley, where they have been staying with the Earl and Countess of Derby. On behalf of the Cotton Association, the Prince was presented with an address, enclosed in a silver model of the new building. The address referred to the Prince's speech at the Guildhall on his return from his tour in the Colonies in 1901. "We heard it said that those interested in the welfare of the commerce of the country must awake, and with greater, energy prepare to meet the competition of other nations in order to maintain the country's position of pre-eminence in trade. The necessity for activity and progress which your words set forth has not been forgotten and in the building of this exchange, the Liverpool Cotton Association has had in view the interests and advancement of the great cotton trade of Lancashire,"

"I am especially glad," said the Prince in reply "to be identified with this important undertaking, for it is a proof of the spirit of enterprise and progress inherent in your association, and that you recognise the necessity of endeavouring to hold our own in the competition with other nations in order to maintain the high position of the Empire in the trade of the world.

"I rejoice to hear of the remarkable prosperity which has attended the cotton-spinning industry in Lancashire during the last two years. I learn that last year over 10,000,000, bales of cotton were consumed in Europe for manufacturing purposes. Of this, nearly one-half was taken by British manufacturers, and we know that the greatest part of that enormous supply must have been landed in your world-renowned port."

A pleasing incident occurred at Lime-street Station just before the departure of the Royal visitors for Sandringham. The Guard of Honour consisted of fifty men belonging to the Liverpool corps of the Yeomanry. Attracted by the khaki uniform and plumed headgear of the troopers, the Prince and Princess walked up and down. Then learning from Troop-Sergt. Richard that she latter had served in the 60th Rifles, the Prince said, "I am very glad to find that old members of the Regular Forces are forming the Yeomanry."

JAPAN ARMING.

Will She Fight Russia?

The danger of war in the Far East is occupying the Russian Government, whose agents in Japan believe that the conflict is inevitable. They report that the Japanese have unceasingly prepared for war, and they have now more men, ships, guns, ports, and railways than in 1905.

A high official tells me that the Russian Government is now passing an instalment of 42,000,000 roubles (£4,200,000) for the support of the Russian prisoners in Japan. This amount has been remitted by the Japanese Government to Great Britain and Germany for munitions of war.

"The Japanese," he says, "believe that they have not had their money's worth, and that they ought to have the whole of Saghalien, the Amur region, and a heavy indemnity. They believe that Russia would be easily overcome.

"But Russia is preparing to meet her. Her budget is balanced and her securities have improved. When the Duma meets a loan of 1,000,000,000 roubles (£100,000,000) will be contracted to be spent on the Army and railways. The programme for renewals of the fleets will be postponed, except as regards torpedo boats for coast defence."

REMARKABLE ESCAPE FROM JAIL.

TEN RUFFIANS AT LARGE.

TEN desperate ruffians, burglars, high waymen, and suspected of being murderers, escaped from Queen's County Gaol, Long Island City, early this morning, and despite pursuit they still remain uncaptured. Naturally the people of Long Island, which contains many suburban villas, are thoroughly alarmed, and some of the residents are joining the police in the hue and cry.

Four of the men got away at 2-30 a.m. and the six others walked out more than three hours later. The men were confined in adjoining cells, on the ground floor of the gaol. With three saws they cut away the bars of two cells leading into the corridor, then gained the window, and sawed away the bars. They jumped down into the gaol yard, a distance of about ten feet, and then climbed the eight-foot wooden palings enclosing the gaol yard.

The bars of the windows through which the men made their final dash are of soft iron, and were sawed through in about ten minutes. Those of the cells are chilled iron, and took about half a day to get through. It is believed that the saws were smuggled into the gaol by the wife of one of the prisoners, who hid them in her baby's clothes. Investigation shows that if the contract, which demanded chilled steel bars to the windows, and not soft iron, had been fulfilled, the men's escape would have been impossible.

FREE FIGHT IN A PARLIAMENT.

Premier Thrown Down in a Wild Struggle.

A free fight of unprecedented dimensions occurred on 30th Nov. in the Lower house of the Reichsrath. It arose from the taking of a division in which the Radical and Czech deputies were out-voted.

Shouting that the division had not been fairly taken, the Czechs and their allies rushed at and stormed the tribune of the President of the House. The Germans opposed them, and a hand-to-hand struggle ensued. A dozen Czech deputies had their ears boxed, and Count Sternberng, who fought for the Boer in south Africa, was laid low by a blow in the face.

The Premier Baron Beack, approached the combatants and tried to calm them. He was seized and dragged into the thisk of the fray and flung to the floor. It was at this moment that a Czech hurled a heavy chair at an opposing German injuring his arm,

The fight lasted for nearly half an hour during which the President suspended the session When comparative quiet was restored business was resumed, and the House adjourned later without again being interrupted by fisticuffs

AMAZING ROGUE'S TRIAL.

10,000 APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE COURT TO-DAY.

With the eyes of all Germany upon him and in the presence of his dupes of seven weeks ago, Wilhelm Voigt, the gaol-bird "Captain" of Koepenick, will to-morrow be tried for his historic raid. No event on contemperary German history has excited such universal interest. The law authorities have refused ten thousand applications for admisson to the trial from all parts of Europe.

Voigt will be defended by two eminent barristers, employed at the expense of wealthy anonymous admirers. He is accused of fire separate counts—unlawful wearing of the uniform, simulation of an official, forgery of an official document, theft, and depriving the Burgomaster and the Town Treasurer of their liberty.

His counsel will plead extenuating circumstances, and will maintain that after all the bogus captain did nothing more serious than give the world the heartiest laugh it had enjoyed for a generation. Public sentiment would be hugely gratified if Voigt were acquitted.

The newspapers will issue special editions announcing the progress of the trial and the music-halls and theatres are arranging to inform their audiences from the stage. Voigt will be heavily guarded while in court to avoid the possibility of his escape of the uniform of a police inspector.

In a lane bordered on one side by a stream, near Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, a correspondent of the *Spectator* noticed a black cat sitting in the road with eyes intent upon the water. Suddenly it sprang, "all claws upon the foe," and making a great splash, into the middle of the stream, immediately emerging from its cold bath with a wriggling flesh, a trout, of about two and a half ounces, in its mouth, and retired behind a hedge, presumably to enjoy it.

INDIA IN PARLIAMENT.

THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS SILVER DOLLAR.

In the House of Commons, on Monday, November 26.—Sir Edward Sassoon asked the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies: Whether the silver dollar, the unlimited legal tender currency of the Straits, has been recently debased by the Straits Government, so that it is now eight-tenths instead of nine-tenths fine silver; whether there is any precedent within the British Empire for such a tampering with the currency; and whether the Government will protest the holders of its dollar notes issued on the old system for payment and redemption in the degraded currency issued by them.

Mr. Runciman: As has been previously stated, an Order in Council has been passed by his Majesty providing for the reduction in fineness of the Straits Settlements dollar from 900 to 800. This measure was taken to preserve the fixed rate of exchange with gold, in accordance with the general wishes of the local community. The Governor has since recommended, as a result of the representation of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce and the unanimous vote of the Legislative Council, that further steps should be taken to secure the fixed rate in the direction of reducing the weight of the dollar, and the matter is now under consideration. If the weight is reduced it will be possible to retain the fineness of 900. As regards Government notes they have all been issued either against dollars of lower value than 2s. 4d., or, since the rate was fixed, against gold or dollars, worth 2s. 4d. They will be paid either in gold or with dollars worth 2s 4d—i. e, with dollars worth in any case as much as those against which they were issued, and for the most part worth far more.

THE RETIREMENT OF MR. C. MCGONAGALL.

Mr. Meehan asked the Secretary of State for India: Whether he is aware that Mr. Charles McGonagall, managing clerk, Roorkee workshops, was prematurely and irregularly retired from the public service; that Mr. McGonagall was, up to 1877, in permanent employment in the accounts branch of the Public Works Dept., and was transferred, in the interests of the Government, as managing clerk in Roorkee workshop on the understanding that the appointment was permanent and pensionable like the one he was leaving; that in 1897 Mr. McGonagall was dismissed and the office abolished; that, after a considerable delay, he secured a pension of 129 rs.; and whether, seeing that, if his service had been allowed to continue and he had been retired in the ordinary way, his pension would be 250 rs., and as, by his unexpected dismissal, he was deprived of the salary for the seven years necessary to complete his service and qualify him for full pension he lost 20,500rs., the Government will grant Mr. McGonagall full pension and refund to him the difference between what he has received, 129 rs., and 250 rs., which he would be entitled to but for his enforced retirement.

Mr. Morley: In 1898 the Secretary of State for India in Council, on the recommendation of the Government of India, sanctioned the grant to Mr. McGonagall, from the date of his retirement, of the pension of 25 rs. a month which the honourable member now asks the Government to grant to him.

OFFICERS OF THE R.I.C.'S MILLITARY FORCES.

Sir William Collins asked the Secretary of State for India: Whether his attention has been called to the fact that under Section 56, c. 106, of 21 and 22 Vic., officers of the East India Company's military forces were guaranteed pay, pensions, allowances, and privileges, and the like advantages as regard promotion, and otherwise, as if they had continued in the service of the said company: whether officers of Unemployed Supernumerary List continue to receive promotion as if they had continued in the company's service: and, if not, from what date such promotion caused to take effect and on what grounds.

Mr. Morley: Promotion in and to the rank of general officer on the Unemployed Supernumerary List of the Indian Army was gradually discontinued after 1893, as being inconsistent with any system of promotion by selection which was then introduced. Before the transfer of India to the Crown, promotions to the rank of general officer had always been made by the Sovereign and not by the East India Company. The regulations under which such promotion was made followed generally those in force in the British service; and the section of the Act quoted in the question did not affect the power of the Sovereign to modify those regulations in the interests of the Service.

THE ADEN HINTERLAND.

Mr. C. H. W. Wilson asked the Secretary of State for India: Why the Indian Government are giving up the Aden Hinterland and the Hills of Dthala; and whether, seeing that these hills are a good sanatorium for British troops, being situated about 700 feet high on the edge of a rich country, they will reconsider their decision.

Mr. Morley: The pemanent location of troops at Dthala, whether at a sanatorium or otherwise, has never been sanctioned either by the late or the present Government. It is, therefore, incorrect to speak of giving up the Aden Hinterland. The withdrawal of troops from Dthala, now that the delimitation proceedings are completed, is in accordance with the statement of policy made in the House of Lords on March 30, 1903, as to the demarcation—namely, that his Majesty's Government had never desired to interfere with the internal and domestic affairs of the tribes on the British side of the boundary, but had throughout made it plain that they would not assent to the interference of any other Power with those affairs.

INDIA AND THE MERCHANT SHIPPING BILL.

Mr. Barrand Banner asked the Secretary of State for India: Whether he has considered the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (No. 2) Bill with a view of applying its provisions for the safety of human life to all ships, both British, foreign, and colonial, sailing from ports in India.

Mr. Morley: I propose as soon as the Bill becomes law to consult the Government of India as to the amendments which it may be desirable to make in the Indian law and regulations.

THE CONSUMPTION OF OPIUM.

On Tuesday, Nov. 27.—Mr. Gulland asked whether his Majesty's Government had been requested by the United States Government to join in submitting to other Governments a proposal to prohibit by treaty the sale of intoxicants and opium among uncivilised races; and, if so, whether his Majesty's Government would join in such a proposal.

Sir E. Grey could make no statement about the intentions of the United State Government in the matter. The attitude of his Majesty's Government towards the whole question had been defined by the Secretary for India in a speech during the present session. He need only repeat that his Majesty's Government would regard with sympathy any proposal which would result in diminishing effectively the consumption of opium.

BRITISH TROOPS AT DTHALA.

In reply to Mr. C H W Wilson Mr. Morley states that the permanent location of troops at Dthala, whether at a sanitarium or otherwise, has never been sanctioned either by the late or the present Government. It is therefore incorrect to speak of giving up the Aden Hinterland. The withdrawal of troops from Dthala, now that the delimitation proceedings are completed is in accordance with the statement of policy made in the House of Lords on March 30, 1903, as to the demarcation, viz., that his Majesty's Government had never desired to interfere with the interal and domestic affairs of the tribes on the British side of the boundary but had throughout made it plain that they would not assent to the interference of any other Power with those affairs.

BENGAL OPIUM.

On Thursday, Nov. 29, Sir Henry Cotton asked the secretary of state for India: Whether the number of chests of Bengal opium sold for export during the year 1805-06 was 87,695; whether the average number during the ten years ending 1904 1905 was 43,417; whether the number for 1905 1906 was 49,200; and whether the Budget estimate for the current year 1906 1907 provides for the export of 52,000 chests; and whether, having regard to the resolution of the House on the subject, and to the present attitude of China in respect to the traffic and use of opium, he will take measures which shall lead to the immediate reduction of this progressive increase in the export of Bengal opium, principally to China.

Mr. J. Morley: Owing to recent good seasons the supply of Bengal opium has been exceptionally large and with a view to reducing the reserve the sales have temporarily exceeded the standard of 48,000 chests fixed in 1901. I have given instructions that the area licensed for poppy cultivation should be diminished and that the sales should be reduced at least to the standard of 1901. In 1895-6 and in preceding and succeeding years the sale standard was 54,000 chests, though the number of chests sold in any year depended on the yield of the crop. As regards the import of foreign opium into China, his Majesty's Government have stated that they will consider sympathetically any proposals which the Chinese Government may wish to make.

Mr. Lupton asked whether, having regard to the resolution of the House on the subject, means would be taken to bring the cultivation of the poppy in India to an end in a certain

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DECEMBER 13.

SECURITIES—		
2½ per cent. Consols	84 5/8	= — 1/16
2½ per cent. Reduced	90 1/4	= + 1/4
2½ per cent. Indian Sterling Loan	103 3/4	= unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	64 1/4	= ,,
SILVER—		
Spot in London	31 5/8	= — 1/8
2 months hence	31 3/4	= — 1/8
Spot in New York		=
EXCHANGES—		
Paris cheques	25·25 1/2	= + 1/2
Berlin cheques	20·50 1/4	= — 1/4
New York Demand		=
DISCOUNTS—		
Bank of England	6 pr. ct.	= unchanged
3 months' sight Bank Bills	5 5/8	= + 1/8
6 months' sight Bank Bills	4 5/8	= unchanged
4 months sight Fine Trade Bills	5 7/8	=
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	5 1/2	= + 1/4
INTEREST—		
Day to day loans	5	= + 1
7 day market loans	4 3/4	= + 3/8

Amount withdrawn from the Bank of England about £700,000 S America.

Extra Council Bills allotments, Bills, on Calcutta Rs. 10,000 at 1s. 4 1/64.

Transfers on Calcutta Rs. 10,00,000 at 1s. 4 3/16d.
Do Bombay Rs. 1,00,000 at 1s. 4 3/16d.

SUGAR—
German granulated double bags c. f. India 11 9 Jan.-Mar.
refiners quiet.
WHEAT—steady
RAPESEED—
Yellow Cawnpore Nominal
Yellow Cawnpore Nominal
Brown 44 —1/8 A.-M. sellrs
} quiet
LINSEED—quiet
COFFEE—
Coffee in New York ?

IN LIVERPOOL—

Cotton Market closed	Steady
Mid. Indian	quiet
Manchester	steady
Total Sales	10,000
Spot	8·79
Egyptian F G F Brown	10 1/8 +1/8
Sold on speculation and for Export	1,000
Imports	16,000
Futures closed	steady

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
5·45	5·43	5·43
plus 2	plus 10	plus 2
Mar.-April	April-May.	May-June.
5·43	5·44	5·45
plus 2	plus 2	plus 10
June-July.	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sep.
5·47	5·46	5·42
plus 2	plus 2	plus 11

Receipts at U. S. Ports	58,000
Do. last year	33,000
Imports to Great Britain	23,000
Do. Continent	10,000

IN NEW YORK—

Spot	10·65 +15
Futures, month of Dec.	9·44 +4
Do. month of March	9·70 +13

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* Advanced owing to expectation of a decrease in the movement and to buying encouraged by firmness New Orleans.

IN NEW ORLEANS—

Spot	10 1/4 +1/16
Futures, month of Jan.	10·11 +9·10
Do. month of Mar.	10·13 +16
Tone at close	steady

Statement of the Shipments of goods for November 1906.

	To Calcutta.	To Rangoon.	To Madras.	To Bombay.	To Karachi.
COTTON PIECE GOODS—					
Bleached and White	7800000	3300000	mutilated	16100000	9200000*
Unbleached & Grey	6370000	mutilated	6200000	30500000	5700000*
Dyed and Coloured	3200000	Do	1800000	7100000	3100000*
Printed	320000	do	2500000	11000000	4500000*
TWIST AND YARNS—					
Dyed and bleached	430000	270000	380000	240000	90000†
Unbleached & Grey	410000	mutilated	380000	680000	8000 †

* yards. † lbs.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay for the 24 hours ending 6 p.m. on 13th December.

Cotton	14,552	bales.
Wheat	35,298	cwts.
Linseed	3,960	do
Rape, Rai and Mustard	927	do
Gingellyseed	19,277	do
Poppyseed	156	do
Groundnuts	660	do
Castorseed	2,408	do
Rice	7,482	do
Myrabollams	2,885	do
Cottonseed	33,600	do
Mowraseed	19	do
Gram	5,469	do
Joowar	3,757	do
Maize	2	do

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Gold bullion Rs. 13,70,880.
Gold coin Rs. 1,20,000
Ex s s "Arcadia" from London.

BOMBAY, FRIDAY EVENING.

The continued absence of the winter rains in the North is causing some anxiety for the Rabi crops. Bright fair weather is experienced throughout the Peninsular with the exception of the extreme South where there is an occasional heavy rainfall.

The squeeze for money has extended from the Bengal side to Bombay and our local Bank rate was raised to 9 per cent.per annum yesterday.The exceptionally heavy allotments of councils, which amounted to nearly two crores in the week ending on Tuesday evening, are still pouring in. After the weekly allotment on Wednesday of one hundred and twenty lakhs, of which ninety-nine lakhs was taken in transfers, extra transfers to the amount of thirty lakhs were allotted, and to-day another eleven lakhs are advised, all at 1/4 3/8d.

Trade requirements are very heavy owing to unusual activity in Calcutta. In Bombay also, the cotton crop is now coming freely to market and for the next two or three months large amounts will be required to finance this branch of trade. The position of the yarn market shows slight improvement, but the enormous stocks locally and in China and the reduced consumption in the latter markets, stands in the way of any advance in prices.

The abnormal rates for Sterling Exchange bills, and the rapid advance which has lately taken place in freights, have upset the parity of prices of produce generally, and business is very difficult to put through at present. However, prospects are cheerful for the coming export season and with large crops of cotton and oilseeds a brisk business may be looked forward to later on.

COTTON.

The ginner's figures published in Washington on the 10th instant, giving the amount of cotton ginned up to 1st instant as 10,025,000 commercial bales, was considered bullish, as reported by Reuter from New York, and prices advanced slightly. The following day the official Bureau estimate of the crop was given out, at 12,546,000 bales and this caused a heavy stump in quotations all round. In Liverpool, however, the decline brought out an active demand, and several private telegrams since received announce a bullish tendency in that market. There is undoubtedly a very active trade in Lancashire, but with the huge supplies of the raw material coming into sight it is difficult to realise that consumers will continue to pay the very high rates, lately current, due to shortage of stocks, and speculative manipulation. There seems every possibility of another crop equalling that of two years ago, when the price receded to 3 3/4 d. at the end of December. Such a low rate is certainly not probable this year, but a decline to below 5d. a lb. is quite within the bounds of possibility. The Bureau estimate being over 12 1/2 million bales, another million may be added to the final outturn according to the average of the past few years.

The following are the daily closing quotations for Spot Middling Americans in Liverpool and New York, since our last mail report :—

December.	Liverpool.	New York.
7th	5·96	10·95
8th	6·00	10·95
10th	5·96	11·00
11th	6·04	10·50
12th	5·79	10·50
13th	5·79	10·65

In New Orleans during the same period the price of spot declined from 10⅝ to 10¼ cents.

The following are the closing quotations for futures,—Liverpool Dec.-Jan., and New York, December.

	Liverpool.	New York.
December 7th	5·57	9·93
" 8th	5·63	9·89
" 10th	5·66	9·98
" 11th	5·64	9·35
" 12th	5·36	9·40
" 13th	5·45	9·44

In Bombay prices gave way about Rs. 5. per candy after the slump in Americans. At the decline there was a fair inquiry from export houses, especially for ready lots, and dealers came in to cover previous forward sales, and there was rather more business reported after the dull markets lately experienced. Cotton arrivals are coming in freely. There is still a premium of about Rs. 2 per candy in December compared with January deliveries of all Oomra descriptions, while in Bengals there is a discount of about Re 1. The enquiry from the mills is still very limited and is chiefly confined to very cheap lots of old crop. Exporters for Japan can afford to pay considerably higher rates than the local mills and our market is chiefly sustained by this demand. From Europe orders coming to hand are on a lower basis with the exception of certain high grades, for which there is a very small demand at about level rates.

RECEIPTS OF COTTON INTO BOMBAY.

	Total for week.	Total since 1st Oct. 1906.	Total same time last year.
Khandeish	16,831	59,900	57,001
Central India	18	2,656	1,104
Barsee and Nuggur	3,031	12,116	21,140
Berars	24,284	73,794	77,320
Central Provinces	15,025	35,278	47,307
Total Comras	59,189	1,85,744	1,95,072
Dholleras	3,142	14,173	4,886
Broach	99	1,571	187
Compta and Dharwar	232	6,604	6,823
Westerns	234	4,852	1,433
Bengals, N.-W.-P.	27,712	1,53,222	1,46,047
Bengals, Rajputana	529	2,744	1,628
Sind	238	2,164	2,143
Persian	18	425	578
American	950	3,462	4,537
Egyptian	77	266	194
Other Sorts	181	72	512
Totals	92,480	3,75,203	3,63,859

COTTON STATISTICS.

	Bales.
Receipts for the week	92,480
Receipts from 8th Oct. to 29th Nov.	375,203
Shipments for the week to Europe	14,713
Do- to China, Japan, and Coast Ports	24,124
Total	38,837
Total Shipments from 8th Oct to 29th Nov.	
Europe	131,790
Japan	69,977
China	1,600
Coast Ports	14,123
Total	217,490
Afloat in harbour for Europe	17,974
China, Japan, and Coast Ports	4,561

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	steady.
Estimated sales	8,000 bales.
Imports	22,000 ,,

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
5·49	5·47	5·46
plus 4	plus 4	plus 4
Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May-June.
5·46	5·48	5·50
plus 4	plus 4	plus 4
June-July.	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.
5·51	5·52	5·48
plus 4	plus 4	plus 5

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited:—

	Fine.	F-G	Goods.	Delivery.
Bengal, H.-G. (Ry. terms)	184	174	..	25 Jan.
Comrawattee (descriptions) M-G	209	203	..	25 Dec.
Do. do (M-G)	207	201	..	24 Jan.
Khangaum, fair staple (M-G)			..	
Karanja do (M-G)	209	203	..	25 Dec.
Akola do (M-G)	207	201	..	24 Jan.
Yeotmal (W. G.)	223	217	..	25 Dec.
Do. (M.G.)	221	215	..	25 Jan.
Nagpur Kamptee (M-G)	225	219	..	25 Dec.
Do. do (M-G)	223	216	..	25 Jan.
Broach (M.G.)	237	..	240	25 Mar.
Muttia (M. G.	194	187	..	25 Jan.
Dhamangaum and Foolgaum	221	215	..	25 Dec.
Do do	217	211	..	25 Jan.
Bengal, M G	189	180	..	Ready.
Do. do	186	177	..	25 Dec.
Do. do	187	179	..	25 Jan.
S. Punjab M G	189	180	..	Ready
Do. do	186	177	..	25 Dec.
Do. do	187	179	..	25 Jan.
Khandeish (M-G)	196	190	..	25 Dec.
Do. do	196	190	..	25 Jan

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

LINSEED.—Market is weak owing to liquidation of December suttas. There is more offering as ready holders after covering their contracts sell off their stocks to exporters. This state of affairs will only last for a few days and after the settlement prices are likely to rise. We quote :

Ready	Rs. 7-5-0 to 7 6-0.
December	Rs. 7-12-0.
May	Rs. 7-8-9.

RAPESEED.—Market quiet but steady. Stocks are very small and prices are maintained. New crop prospects continue good.

Brown Cawnpore Ready	Rs. 9-5.
,, Etawah Delhi	,, 9-6.
,, Delhi April-May	,, 7-9-6.

POPPYSEED.—Ready firm at Rs. 10-3. April-May, Rs. 8:10. A small business doing.

CASTORSEED.—Firm at Rs. 43. Madras Rs. 42. Guzerat.

COTTONSEED.—Market quiet at Rs. 20 ready. Rs. 19 1/2 Dec.-Jan.

GINGELLYSEED.— Easier. With free arrivals market is likely to decline further.

White Havree	Rs. 48 to 49
Bold White 85 per cent. Dec.-Jan.	Rs. 47-0
Do. 75 per cent.	Rs. 46
Do. 50 per cent.	Rs. 45
Black Delhi Beawar	Rs. 44
Black Kutni	Rs. 41 1/2

MOWRASEED.—Steady at Rs. 7-1 ready.

GROUND NUTS.—Steady at Rs. 41 1/2 to 42.

Wheat.—Nothing doing beyond some business in White Delhi Wheat at Rs. 4/10 April-May by Marwari dealers.

Week's arrivals of Wheat and Seeds into Bombay :—

Wheat	84,238 cwts.
Linseed	20,498 ,,
Rape, Rai and Mustard	1394 ,,
Gingellyseed	1,68,518 ,,
Poppyseed	740 ,,
Groundnuts	3,356 ,,
Castorseed	9,770 ,,
Rice	23,986 ,,
Myrabollams	19,922 ,,
Cottonseed	1,11,910 ,,
Mowraseed	1,378 ,,
Gram	19,952 ,,
Joowar	18,594 ,,
Maize	402 ,,

SEEDS—
Linseed.—Tone quiet.

Ready	Rs. 7-6-0
Forward December	Rs. 7-12-0
April-May	Rs. 7-8-9

Rapeseed.—Tone

Brown Cawnpore Ready	Rs. 9-5-0
Do. Delhi Forward April-May.	Rs. 7-9-6

Poppyseed.—Tone firm

Ready	Rs. 0-3-0
Forward April-May	Rs. 8-10-0

Castorseed.—Tone firm.

Ready	Rs. 42 to 43

Gingellyseed.—Tone quiet.

Howree Khandeish	Rs. 48 to 49
15 per cent. Mixed	Rs. 47-0-0
25 ,, ,,	Rs. 46-0-0
50 ,, ,,	Rs. 45-0-0
Black Kutnee	Rs. 41-8-0

Wheat.—Tone steady.

White Delhi, April-May	Rs. 4-10-0

FREIGHTS.

This market is firm and advancing. Bookings are reported for December shipment, Hull, seeds at 17s. 6d. Dunkirk cotton at 18s. 6d, Hamburg 17s. 6d. to 18s. 6d, Antwerp seeds at 15s. 6d. and Cotton 16s. 6d. to 17s. For January shipment Antwerp and Hull seeds at 15s. Marseilles and Genoa seeds at 16s. For February shipment, Dunkirk seeds at 15s. March to May 14s. 9d. seeds open ports.

The fixtures include the steamer "Glen Afric" December loading at 16s. 6d. and steamer "City of Karachi" December-January loading rate not given out.

MONEY.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since	19th	Oct. 6	per cent.
Bank of Bombay	do.	13th Dec. 9	do.
Bank of Bengal	do.	6th do. 9	do.
Bank of Madras	do.	13th do. 8	do.

The following is the weekly statement of the Bank of Bombay for the last week as compared with the previous one :—

LIABILITIES.

Public Deposits	13,74,060	Decrease
Other Deposits	6,63,937	Increase
Sundries	89,455	Increase
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	1,19,838	Decrease
Other Authorized	76,773	Increase
Credit on Securities	3,74,786	Increase
Loans on Securities	30,66,365	Decrease
Bills Discounted and Purchased	4,030	Decrease
Balance with other banks	3,25,346	Increase
Sundries	18,960	do.
Bullion	1,41,180	do.
Cash	16,32,579	do.

These figures show a decrease in the Trade Demand of about 30 1/2 lakhs.

The Bank of Bengal weekly cash balance is 9 lakhs down and that of the Bank of Madras 14 lakhs down. The official Bank rate is unchanged at Calcutta but in Bombay and Madras it was raised one per cent. during the week. Money is in strong demand and there is an enquiry for short fixed deposits at 7 per cent. per annum for two and three months.

COUNCIL BILLS.

The announcement that the Secretary of State was prepared to allot extra telegraphic transfers at 1s. 4 3-16d. has been largely availed of during the past week. The total of Councils allotted amounted to the large sum of Rs. 194,70,000 during the week ending on Tuesday evening. At the weekly bidding on Wednesday one crore and twenty lakhs was put up for tender, of which amount Rs. 21 lakhs was taken in bills at 1s. 4 3-32d. and Rs 99 lakhs in transfers at 1s. 4 5-32d. tenderers at these rates receiving 15 per cent. For next week the advertised allotment is unchanged at Rs 1,20,00,000. Forty-one lakhs of extra transfers at 1s. 4 3-8d have since been allotted and 2·10 lakhs bills at 1s. 4 1-8d.

The mail of the 30th November brings £120,000 silver, and £100,000 gold for Bombay, also the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta	Rs.	21,40,000
Bombay	,,	11,50,000
Madras	,,	10,000
Total	Rs.	33,00,000

The mail of the 7th December brings £120,000 silver and £100,000 gold for Bombay £30,000 gold to Calcutta, also the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta	Rs.	21,60,000
Bombay	,,	55,50,000
Madras	,,	12,60,000
Total	Rs.	89,80,000

The mail of the 14th December brings £80,000 silver and £40,000 gold to Bombay, also the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta	Rs.	30,000
Bombay	,,	21,80,000
Madras	,,	1,00,000
Total	Rs.	23,10,000

EXCHANGE.

Sterling exchange has now reached a height at which it is more than usually interesting. Never since the minits were closed in 1893 has the present level of prices for Bank Paper been touched and in consequence of the high rates of discount in London the margin between buying and selling is unusually wide. Calcutta has led us to this point and is still leading us. Where it will all end we cannot say at present, there is no sign of any set back. Imports are moving so slowly that no advantage to speak of can be taken by remitters of these super excellent prices. Money is in good request and enters largely into all operations. If Calcutta advances Bombay must follow. It is true that money can be drawn from London by wire at 1s. 4 3/16d, but in order to get money by that route the actual cash must be available and there is the difficulty. Business in Bombay is seriously crippled by the very high price of produce exchange and freight, and it will take some time for things to adjust themselves. If Bombay were as busy as Calcutta, Exchange might rise a deal more and the position would be worse than it is. A rising exchange does not make more funds available and it is more money only that will relieve the present stringency.

EXCHANGE.—Tone firm.

Bank T. T.	1s. 4 5/32d.
Bank Demand	1s. 4 7/32d.
Credit Bills 3 Months' Sight D. A.	1s. 4 9/16d to 19/32d.
Do. 6 do do.	1s. 4 23/32d to 3/4d.
French Francs 3 m/s sight D A	173 to 173 1/4
Marcks 3 do. do.	140 1/2 to 140 3/4
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight	161 1/2
Shanghai 30 do. do.	222 1/2
Japan 30 do. do.	148 3/4

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

This market advanced early in the week but closed at about last mail rates. There is not much business passing in the bazaar, and the tone at the close is quiet.

3 1-2 per cent. cash	Rs. 94-15
1st settlement 7th January	,, 95-3
3 per cent cash	,, 84-0

	Repayable.	Rates.	
4 per cent Bombay Port Trust	1922	102	0
4 per cent ,, ,,	1930	102	0
5 per cent ,, ,,	1932	102	0
4 per cent ,, ,,	1965	102	0
4 per cent Bombay Municipal	1934	102	0
5 per cent ,, ,,	1946	102	0
5 per cent ,, ,,	Tanna	119	0
5 per cent ,, ,,	Sanitary	117	0
5 per cent Bo. Imp. Trust	1959	102	0
4 per cent ,, ,,	1964-65	102	0

BULLION.

Silver has declined in London as Indian Government is not buying, but it closes steady at the fall. The offtake is about 50 bars daily.

	Rs.	a.	p.
English Bar Gold	23	15	0
Australian Bar Gold	23	15	3
Bombay do	24	0	0
English Shield Sovereigns	15	1	0
Do. Dragons	15	0	0
Silver ex-duty Ready	79	4	0
Do. 1st settlement	79	4	0
Do. 2nd do	80	2	0

PIECE-GOODS.

The market is quieter than it has been for some time past. There is a demand from up-country but as it is coupled with a request for two month's credit no business is resulting. The high price of money is standing in the way of business. Prices are nominally unchanged. The Manchester market is still extremely firm and prices are being maintained at a very high level.

Stocks and Deliveries of Cotton Piece-Goods and Yarns; also of Copper and Yellow Metal sheets.

	Port Trust & Private Godowns.	Direct from Dock Sheds	Total in Bombay.	Stock on 30th Nov 1906	Increase (+) Decrease (—) as compared with 31st Oct 06
Cotton Piece-goods	Bales 8952	3231	12183	28542	+9
Cotton Piece-goods	Cases 11032	8473	18506	28974	—5
Cotton Yarns	Bales 1068	1823	2890	6883	—7
Copper Braziers	Tons 79	Nil	79	293	+9
Yellow Metal Braziers	Tons 169	79	248	744	+4

LOCAL YARNS.

The following are the latest telegrams from China :—

	Unsold.	Uncleared.	Weekly sales.
Shanghai	110,000	52,000	7,000
Hongkong	100,000	50,000	1,000
	210,000	102,000	8,900

312,000 bales

The local market is very quiet.

METALS.

Copper.—No forward business is reported. A small retail ready business is passing about £108, against £116 quoted.

Yellow Metal—Market is firm with a good local demand. Good sales are reported ready but nothing doing forward.

G. C. Sheets. Market dull owing to slackness of demand from up country and to heavy arrivals.

COAL.

Market is quiet. A sale is reported of a Cardiff description shorty due at Rs. 19/8.

SHARES.

The market is unchanged but steady. Bank of Bombay shares are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 1392½. Bank of India shares have improved to Rs. 2 discount. In mill companies Central India have improved to Rs. 1,890, Crescents to Rs. 115, Currimbhais to Rs.1,210, Colaba Lands have advanced to Rs. 1,000, Davids to Rs. 412 1/2, Empresses are steady at 490,. Howard and Bullough at Rs. 525 ; Jamsheds have improved to Rs. 182 1/2, Kohinoors to Rs. 695, Maneckji Petits after touching Rs. 3,350 have closed at Rs. 3,315 for January settlement. Morarjis are unchanged at Rs. 2,600, Sholapurs at Rs. 3,600, Standards are unchanged at Rs. 1,200, Swadeshis at Rs. 1,465. In Press companies Mofussils have changed hands at Rs. 562 1/2, Indian Cottons are unchanged at Rs. 135, Volkarts at 1,045. In miscellaneous companies Badham Piles have changed hands at Rs. 132 Bombay Burmahs are steady at Rs. 8,800. Bombay Flours have improved to Rs. 865, Port Cannings have changed hands at Rs. 415, Bombay Telephone at Rs.40,Treachers at Rs.512 1/2. In Railway Companies Tapti Valleys are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 482 1/2, Amritsar Patty are steady at Rs. 105. The rest are unchanged at previous quotations.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	0	0	5
B Mandvi, Chukla, Comerkhadi and Dongri	0	0	13
C Market, Dhobi Talao Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	0	0	11
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatti, Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	0	0	11
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	2	2	24
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	0	1	5
G Mahim and Worli	0	1	10
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	4
Hospitals	1	0	9
Total	3	4	82
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OGAMS.

PROFESSOR Rhys, of Oxford, has been enlightening the Irish Literary Society with regard to the origin of Ogams. At a meeting of the society the professor developed an argument which went to prove that pieces of wood were the first material used for Ogmic writing, quoting references in point from ancient Irish literature. Then he proceeded to argue that the Ogam scores constituted a cipher based on a numerical scheme which seemed to explain certain peculiarties of Ogam writing, and to have led the grammarian into difficulties in elaborating his scheme. Lastly, he showed that there were distinct traces of the influence of the Celts of Central and Western Gaul on the spelling used in Ogam inscriptions, and he suggested that the invention of the Ogam took place in the latter half of the third century in the south of Ireland among the people of the Dessi, who, among other districts, settled in a part of Dyfed, or South-west Wales.

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD'S MISSION.

A deputation of five members of the British Labour party, including Mr. Keir Hardie and Mr. Shackleton, was to have visited Australia during the recess, but in consequence of the holding of an autumn Session, the delegation was reduced to a single M.P.—Mr. Ramsay Macdonald. After crossing Canada, Mr. Macdonald voyaged across the Pacific from Vancouver to Brisbane, the metropolis of Queensland. He arrived there on October 7 and told the interviewers that he had come to Australia to learn, and not to teach. He wished to gather information that might be useful to the British Labour party. He added that he would like to see the cables under inter-Imperial control, so that Australia could not be maligned in England for financial purposes, or the British Labour party maligned in Australia for political purposes.

A DESCENDANT OF HOLBEIN.

A lady who formed a most interesting link with a celebrated name has just passed away in Vienna. This is the authoress Frau Hermann, whose maiden name of Marie von Holbein at once sets up the association. She was indeed one of the few descendants in the direct line of the famous artist family of the Holbeins. Besides the Austrian branch, the members of which are principally to be found in their country's service as army officers and civil servants, there is still the collateral branch descending from Ambrosius Holbein, while recent years have brought forward the names of two members of this celebrated stock following the profession of the brush and palette—namely, Albert Holbein, who produced his art in Schwabish-Gmund, and the pupil of the sculptor Begas—Eduard Holbein.

KITTY CLIVE AND THE THEATRES.

Several interesting letters of actors and actresses of the past are to be sold at Sotheby's. In one, Kitty Clive, writing from Twickenham, in December, 1771, to George Colman, says:—"The philosopher's stone, they say (when they can ketch it) will turn everything into gould; but I am sure the theatres may truly be said to turn everybody's happiness (who has anything to do there) into anxiety, whether it is owing to their vanity and avarice not being easily satisfied I can't tell, than from the villainy of managers to actors and the villiany of actors to managers. Garrick, in a letter also addressed to Colman, ventures his life that he could teach Miss Farren "a capital part in comedy, and tragedy, too, that should drive half our actresses mad—she is much too fine stuff to be worm and soiled at Manchester and Liverpool."

AN OLD TIME "RANKER."

To find a parallel to the case of the young officer of the Connaught Rangers, who has resigned his commission and re-enlisted as a private, one has to go back a long way in English military history. The only analogy seems to be presented by the career of the famous John Shipp. A workhouse boy, and the son of a private soldier in the Royal Marines, young Shipp enlisted as a youth in the Cheshire Regiment. In the year 1805 he so distinguished himself at the assault on Bhurtpore that Lord Lake promoted him to an ensigncy in the 65th Foot. On his return to England he found himself heavily in debt, and had no recourse but to sell his commission. But employment was just as hard for an ex-soldier to obtain in those days as it is now. Accordingly, when he came down to his last few coppers, he "took the shilling" again and proceeded to India once more as a private. Here his gallantry in the field was so remarkable that the Earl of Moira, Commander-in-Chief in the West Indies, re-appointed him to an ensigncy in another regiment. Shipp's subsequent military career, was not to fortunate. While quartered in Calcutta in 1822 he had "words" with his colonel, with the result that he was brought before a court-martial and cashiered. The East India Company, however, granted him a pension of £50 per annum. He then joined the police force, and became an inspector in the Stepney division. Shortly afterwards he was traesferred to Liverpool, where he received an appointment as master of the workhouse.

A FOURTEEN YAERS FAST, OR A FABLE!

"The announcement that the Glasgow police authorities have interferred in a forty-six days' "fasting show" reminds a correspondent that we are indebted to a Scotsman for an account of the champion fasting feat on record. That was the performance of William Lithgow, whose "Totall Discourse of Rare Adventures and Painefull Peregrinations," etc., etc., was published in 1632—a really wonderful book. Lithgow, except when afflicted with Popery on the brain, was no romancer, and where he describes what he saw and experienced he is to be trusted. In 1613 he was in Switzerland, and writes, old spelling, etc., being preserved:—

"Here in the Canton of Bierne, neere to Urbs, wee went and saw a young Woman, who then had neyther eate, nor drunke, nor yet exercmented for fourteene yeares, being truely qualified by her Parents, Friends, Physitians, and other visitors. She was always Bedfast, and so extenuated, that her anatomised body co.ered nought but sinew, skin, and bones, yet she alwayes mindefull of God. And the yeare after this time, her body returned agayne to the naturall vigour, in appetite and alle thinges; and married a husband, bearing two children, dyed in the fifth yeare thereafter." In his "Tour in Scotland" (1771) Thomas Pennant, the friend and correspondent of the famous White of Selborne, gives a circumstantial account of a young woman of Ross-shire who had lived through an absolute fast for one year and nine months—in a semi-unconscious state.

BEFORE KOEPENICK.

The Koepenick affair has naturally brought up a large crop of military anecdotes. Among them is one which provides evidence that the German soldier is not always as gullible as the Grenadiers who helped to rob the Town Hall. A few years ago, in the Garrison Artillery at Linz, there was a captain whose habit it was to steal quietly up to the sentries when he went his rounds, so as, if possible, to catch them naping. One evening, on his way to pay a surprise visit to a certain post, the officer was challenged by a sentry he had to pass en route. He paid no attention and walked on. The sentry having challenged again twice without result, fired, upon which the captain concluded it was time to disclose his identity. He walked up to the sentry and indignantly asked if he had not recognised him as an officer, "Oh, yes," replied the man. "I saw it was an officer coming; but anybody can dress up in uniform." It is unfortunate, for their own sakes, that the same reflection did not strike the Grenadier patrol when they were accosted in broad daylight by the genius in the second-hand outfit.

A SERVICE IN THE DARK.

The congregation in St. Peter's Church at Oldham on Sunday night had a queer experience. It was the reopening service, and the church was crammed. Suddenly, in the middle of the psalm, all the electric lights in the church went out, and there was thick darkness. For a moment or so there was something like consternation; women became excited, and there were some hysterical cries. The preacher was the Rev. Edward Rees. He groped his way to the pulpit, intending to preach his sermon at once, in order to keep the people quiet. He got into the pulpit safely, but he was quite unable to read either his text or the notes of his address. He nevertheless launched into a sermon, and spoke for half an hour in complete darkness. The congregation sat perfectly still. The lights came on during the peroration. The Creed was recited after the sermon instead of before, and the congregation sang a hymn. Again the lights went out, but they came on again in time for the Hallelujah Chorus. During the greater part of the two hours' service the church was in darkness.

THE OXFORD PAGEANT.

If, as is confidently expected, Oxford holds her great pageant during Commemoration Week, the June carnival will be raised to something like its pristine glory. The management of the pageant has been placed in the hands of a gentleman who has a big reputation at Oxford, Mr. Frank Lascelles. Both the University and the Corporation look upon the idea of a pageant with favour, although the University is a little anxious lest the whole body of 3,000 undergraduates resolves to stay up over Commemoration Week. Accordingly, an announcement has already been made that a general leave is not to be expected. A distinguished company of University dons in devoting itself to the selection of suitable and non-controversial "scenes."

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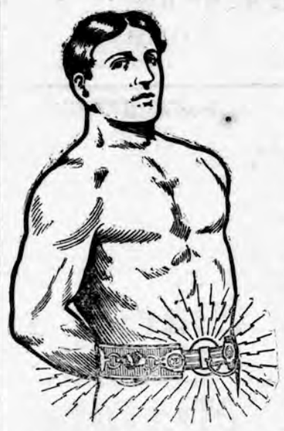

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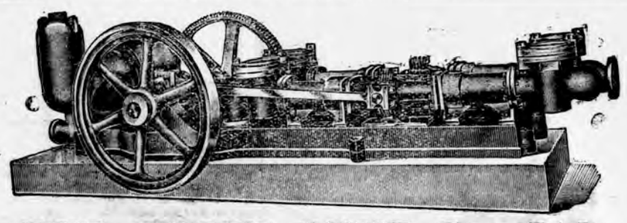

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